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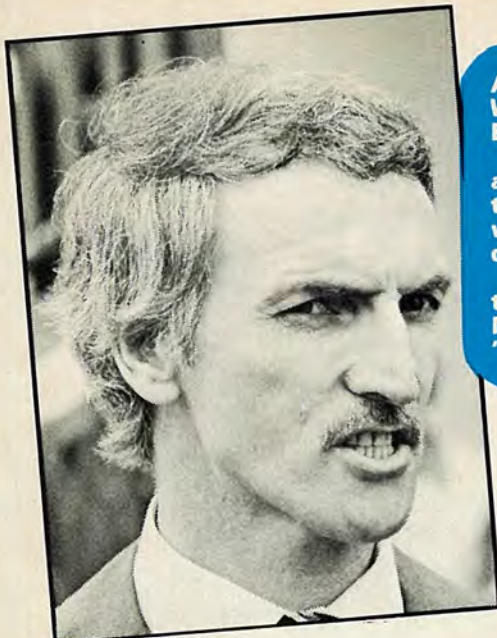


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**SWITZERLAND
v ENGLAND
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PETER WITHE

**'Why I turned
my back on
England'**



Derek Dougan, now a commentator with Yorkshire Television. He recommended me to Wolves.

ASTON Villa and England striker Peter Withe continues his amazing life story . . . EXCLUSIVE to Match Weekly readers.

Last week Peter told how he took a job as an apprentice electrician because he didn't think he'd make the grade and how a trial with lowly Southport ended in disappointment.

Now read how that disappointment turned to joy and a First Division chance. **NEXT WEEK: Why the Americans called me 'the wizard of the nod!'**

NO LEAGUE club was prepared to show any faith in me. So I packed my bags and accepted an offer to play in South Africa.

I was beginning to wonder whether I was destined to make the grade as a professional because no-one would offer me what I really wanted — a contract.

After turning down Preston I played one league game on trial for Barrow in the 1971-72 season — but although they were prepared to extend my loan period they wouldn't make the arrangement permanent.

So when former Southport player Billy Haydock offered me a place in his Port Elizabeth side I agreed to make a break from the English game and move abroad.

I'd never been out of England before so the move was a big step for me — and when I landed at Port Elizabeth Airport I thought I'd

made a big mistake.

First of all I hung around the airport with my wife Kathy and young son Jason for over an hour before I met up with someone from the club — only to discover that we weren't expected for another week.

And while I was flying into Africa manager Billy Haydock was on his way out. My new team had just been hammered 8-1 and he'd quit.

Life was tough over there because as well as playing football I also had a full-time job as an electrician — and that meant I didn't see much of my family.

But despite all the problems — which included pay cheques that

bounced — I enjoyed my stay in Africa.

Even so, when my first season with struggling Port Elizabeth was over I was ready to come home and had asked my wife to book the tickets.

It was then that Pretoria-based Arcadia Shepherds came in for me and offered a one year contract.

And it was there that I met up with the man who was to give me my big break in the English league — Derek Dougan.

My debt to the 'Doog'

WITHOUT the help of former Wolves striker Derek Dougan I don't think I'd have ever broken into the First Division.

He was the man who suggested to Bill McGarry, then manager of Wolves, that I might be worth a look.

We played together for four games when he guested for Arcadia Shepherds. Derek must have given me a glowing report because Bill offered me a three month trial.

And of course I wasn't going to

turn this one down. So I set off for Molineux determined to prove that I was good enough for the First Division.

And my spell at Wolves couldn't have got off to a better start. I played in a match for the reserves against the first team . . . and scored a hat-trick!

That certainly helped convince Bill McGarry that I was worth keeping on and in 1974-75 I was offered a contract.

I was absolutely delighted — I'd have signed for £10 a week.

Wolves had a formidable team at the time and an abundance of strikers of the calibre of Alan Sunderland (now Arsenal), Peter Eastoe (Everton) and Steve Kindon (Huddersfield).

The men wearing the number nine and 10 shirts at the time were Derek and John Richards so I knew I had a tough task to establish myself.

It didn't worry me that my first team chances were limited because as far as I was concerned I was still learning.

The experience of a First Division set up was good for me.

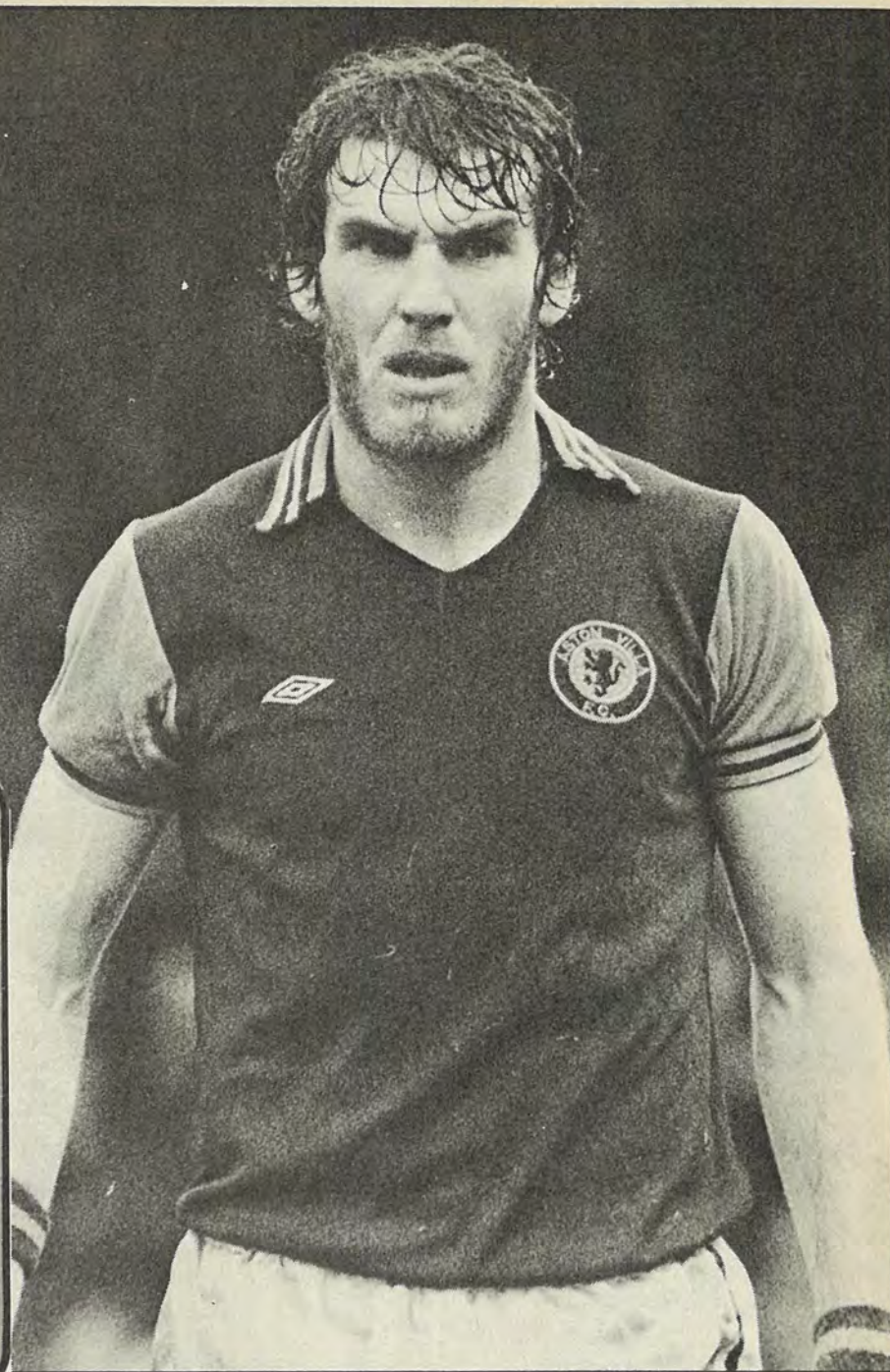
I heard later that Bill McGarry could have sold me to three or four lower division teams but he didn't — despite having so many strikers on his books.

Left: An injury to Wolves striker John Richards gave me my First Division chance.



turned back England

The PETER WITHE Story



A dream start at Wolves

MY FIRST Division career got off to a dream start — with a goal on my debut for Wolves.

John Richards was injured and I took his place to restore my partnership with Derek Dougan for the game against Ipswich on March 9, 1974.

It was a needle match for Bill McGarry because since leaving the job as manager of Ipswich he'd never been in charge of a winning side against them.

Within 10 minutes of the start Alan Sunderland had nipped in to score and 15 minutes later I rose above the defence to head in a Steve Daley cross.

It was a tremendous thrill for me and I can still

remember the Wolves supporters end of the ground erupting.

The afternoon was completed by Derek Dougan who got our third in a 3-1 win and sent our 23,000 fans home happy.

I kept my place for the next two games — away to Queens Park Rangers and home to a Liverpool side that included such established stars as Ray Clemence, Emlyn Hughes, and Kevin Keegan.

Those were my only first team appearances that season and to give me more experience the manager suggested I spend the summer in America, with Portland Timbers.

So I packed my bags and was off again . . .

Left: Arsenal's Alan Sunderland (seen in action against Villa's Allan Evans) one of five strikers on Wolves books when I joined the club.

Right: Steve Daley (now in America with Seattle Sounders) — his cross led to my first ever goal for Wolves.





Left: Welsh players, within sight of World Cup final place in Spain salute their fans after the goalless draw with Russia.

ENGLAND WALES



Above: Swiss top swappers . . . Alfred Schweiler, (left) scorer of Switzerland's opening goal, and his captain Rene Botteron celebrate victory, complete with a pair of England shirts.

Left: Nice one, Terry! . . . Steve Coppell celebrates after Terry McDermott had converted his through ball to give England a consolation goal in Basle.

'No equals in Europe' says Derwall

WEST German boss Jupp Derwall reckons South America provides the only obstacle between his team and the winning of the 1982 World Cup in Spain.

"We have no competition in Europe," said Derwall, after his team's comfortable 4-0 victory in Finland. "We may lose sometime against European opposition, but we must first come to terms with South America if we are to win in Spain."

Of 29 matches under Derwall, West Germany have lost only three — against Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay.

AUSTRIA look set to join the Germans in Spain from the Group One, after their 2-0 defeat of Bulgaria in Vienna.

Goals came from Hans Krankl (penalty in the 32nd minute) and midfielder Kurt Jara, a shot two minutes from time and with three home games left the Austrians look well set for Spain.

| | P | W | D | L | For | Ag | Pts |
|------------|---|---|---|---|-----|----|-----|
| W. Germany | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 1 | 8 |
| Austria | 5 | 4 | 0 | 1 | 10 | 2 | 8 |
| Bulgaria | 5 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 9 | 6 | 6 |
| Albania | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 3 | 10 | 2 |
| Finland | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 14 | 0 |



NEW Zealand are tipped to make their first appearance in the World Cup Finals.

Already they have beaten Indonesia with two goals from Brian Turner in front of 85,000 in Jakarta and followed it with a 2-0 defeat of Taiwan in Auckland.

Now they need a point from the visit of Fiji in August, before taking on China, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia in the final qualifiers.

★ ★ ★
THE WORLD Cup will be kicked off to a flashy and colourful start when 10,000 balloons are released at the £420,000 opening ceremony in Barcelona next summer.

The organising committee has chosen an opening show from an advertising agency which lasts 45 minutes, involves 4,500 people, 5,000 doves . . . and the balloons.

HUMBLLED, STUMBLE

ENGLAND'S World Cup qualifying hopes suffered a shattering blow when the Swiss part-timers struck twice in a minute in Basle. Terry McDermott pulled one back but in another off-colour showing England's chances of a place in Spain are fading fast.

The Dragons of Wales, too failed to land the win they wanted but a point from a battling goalless draw against Russia at Wrexham took them a step nearer Spain.



Above: Take that! . . . Claudio Sulser, outpaces Kenny Sansom and Russell Osman to beat Mick Mills with this shot for Switzerland's second and match-winning goal.

Below: Down but not out . . . that's Wales and Wrexham defender Joey Jones, seen here robbing Russia's flying winger Oleg Blokhin.



Saturday, May 30 WORLD CUP Group Three qualifier

WALES (0) 0.

RUSSIA (0) 0.

Att: 30,000 (at Wrexham).

Wales: Davies 7, Ratcliffe 7, Jones 7, Price 6, PHILLIPS 8, Nicholas 7, Yorath 5, Flynn 7, Thomas 7, Harris 6 (sub Giles), Walsh 6 (sub Charles).

Russia: Dasaev 7, Sulakvelidze 7, Chivadze 7, Burovsky 6, Baltacha 6, Buryak 7, BESSONOV 8, Oganesyan 7, Andreyev 6, Kippiani 7 (sub Gavrilov), Blokhin 7.

Referee: B. Galler (Switzerland).

Match Rating: ★★

Group Four

SWITZERLAND (2) 2 (Schweiller 27, Sulser 28).

ENGLAND (0) 1 (McDermott 55).

Att: 40,000 (in Basle).

Switzerland: Burgener 7, Ludi 8, Zappa 6, Egli 6, Hermann 6 (sub Weber), Wehrli 7, Barberis 6, BOTTERON 9, Schweiller 7, Sulser 8, Elsener 8 (sub Maissen).

England: Clemence 6, Mills 6, Osman 5, Watson 5 (sub Barnes), Sansom 6, COPELL 7, Wilkins 5, Robson 6, Keegan 6, Mariner 6, Francis 5 (sub McDermott 6).

Referee: A. Prokop (E. Germany).

Match Rating: ★★

HOW THEY STAND

Group Three

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---------|---|---|---|---|----|----|-----|
| Wales | 5 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 10 | 0 | 9 |
| Czechs | 4 | 3 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 2 | 5 |
| Russia | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 1 | 5 |
| Iceland | 5 | 1 | 0 | 4 | 5 | 18 | 2 |
| Turkey | 5 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 13 | 0 |

Group Four

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|-------------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| Rumania | 5 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 6 |
| England | 5 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 5 | 5 |
| Hungary | 3 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 3 | 5 |
| Switzerland | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 3 |
| Norway | 5 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 9 | 3 |

● Includes Rumania 1 Norway 0; does not include Hungary v England.



GORDON DAVIES (Fulham)

LED Fulham's goalscoring chart for the second successive season with 18 goals in 36 matches.

The Welsh international has proved to be one of the most consistent marksmen in the Third Division over the past two seasons.

He'll want to stay among the goals to keep his name in the mind of Wales manager Mike England if he is to add to the caps he collected against Iceland and Turkey last year.

MARK LILLIS (Huddersfield)

HUDDERSFIELD just missed out on promotion from Division Three but amid the disappointment at Leeds Road emerged a prospect for the future in young Mark Lillis.

He was in the wings last year when Huddersfield clinched the Fourth Division championship, but he did enough in 29 League outings this season to convince the fans that he was their player for the season.

He joined Huddersfield as an apprentice four years ago and made just 16 appearances before the start of this season when he blossomed into a consistent defender.



JIMMY MULLEN (Rotherham)

ROTHERHAM manager Ian Porterfield knew what he was doing when he travelled a few miles down the road to sign Jimmy Mullen from Sheffield Wednesday at the start of last season.

The defender duly underlined the faith shown in him by skipping Rotherham to the Third Division championship with some inspirational leadership from the back.

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WHO were the Third Division's 'Players of the Year'?

Match Weekly has compiled a list of supporters clubs' winners for the Third Division.

At the time of going to press, only Burnley had not decided their awards.

Next week we'll be looking at the Fourth Division's top players.

OF CLUBS



PLAYERS OF THE YEAR

| Club | Player | This season L'gue apps | L'gue goals | Club career L'gue apps | L'gue goals |
|--------------|----------------------|------------------------------|----------------|------------------------------|----------------|
| Barnsley | Mike McCarthy | 43 | 1 | 179 | 5 |
| Blackpool | Terry Pashley | 30 | 0 | 109 | 3 |
| Brentford | Barry Tucker | 23 | 1 | 125 | 1 |
| Carlisle | Peter Beardsley | 26 | 10 | 63 | 18 |
| Charlton | Nicky Johns | 37 | 0 | 71 | 0 |
| Chester | Grenville Millington | 46 | 0 | 242 | 0 |
| Chesterfield | Danny Wilson | 31 | 6 | 31 | 6 |
| Colchester | Mike Walker | 46 | 0 | 363 | 0 |
| Exeter | Tony Kellow | 46 | 25 | 163 | 70 |
| Fulham | Gordon Davies | 36 | 18 | 111 | 43 |
| Gillingham | Andy Ford | 43 | 3 | 43 | 3 |
| Huddersfield | Mark Lillis | 29 | 7 | 40 | 7 |
| Hull | Gareth Roberts | 20 | 3 | 82 | 8 |
| Millwall | Paul Roberts | 45 | 0 | 73 | 0 |
| Newport | Tommy Tynan | 44 | 13 | 90 | 28 |
| Oxford | Malcolm Shotton | 38 | 5 | 38 | 5 |
| Plymouth | David Kemp | 46 | 24 | 73 | 39 |
| Portsmouth | Keith Viney | 41 | 0 | 136 | 3 |
| Reading | Steve Hetzke | 45 | 5 | 222 | 21 |
| Rotherham | Jimmy Mullen | 44 | 1 | 44 | 1 |
| Sheff United | Bob Hatton | 44 | 17 | 44 | 17 |
| Swindon | Russell Lewis | 37 | 2 | 89 | 5 |
| Walsall | Don Penn | 28 | 8 | 83 | 36 |



BOB HATTON (Sheffield United)

MUCH-travelled striker Bob Hatton has always given full value for money for his nine clubs.

Last season Sheffield United fans saw for themselves his experience and goal grabbing ability even though they had the disappointment of watching United slip into the Fourth Division for the first time in their history.

Bob collected 17 goals in his first season at Bramall Lane.

MIKE WALKER (Colchester)

HAS been the backbone of the Colchester United team for the last eight seasons and is one of the League's most experienced goalkeepers.

The Welsh under 23 international was ever-present last season but even his know-how couldn't prevent Colchester from being relegated from Division Three.

STEVE McCALL

IPSWICH

FULL NAME: Stephen Harold McCall.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Carlisle, October 15, 1960.

HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 11ins/11st 8lbs.

MARRIED: No, but engaged to Julie.

CAR: Ford Capri 2000S.

PREVIOUS CLUBS: None.

TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO:

None.

CLUB NICKNAME: 'Grimace'.

WORST EVER INJURY: No serious injuries so far.

FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

PLAYER AND WHY: Gordon Cowans

— one of the best and has the

potential to get even better.

FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Carlisle

United.

FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND

WHY: Diego Maradona — best all

round footballer ever.

BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM:

Banks, Cohen, Cooper, Brady,

O'Leary, Moore, Peters, Charlton,

Greaves, Best, Dalglish.

ALL TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks,

Alberto, Santos, Beckenbauer, Moore,

Charlton, Jairzinho, Maradona, Best,

Pele, Cruyff.

FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND:

Anfield.

FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT

WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED: Detroit

Express.

BEST GOAL SCORED: Against

Coventry City last season.

BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Terry

McDermott for Liverpool against

Tottenham in FA Cup two seasons

ago.

MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: Frans

Thijssen in training.

MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: My

League debut against Everton.

OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN

FOOTBALL: Winning the UEFA Cup

last season.

BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: None

yet.

FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf,

tennis, squash.

MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Driving, hot

weather and dining out.

MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Cold

weather, traffic jams and violent

people.

FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Fawlty

Towers.

TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH

OFF: The Dukes of Hazzard.

FAVOURITE READING: Alistair

Maclean.

FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER:

George Benson, Paul McCartney and

UB40.

FAVOURITE FOOD: Steak and chips.

FAVOURITE DRINK: Lager.

BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America.

FAVOURITE ACTOR: Clint Eastwood.

BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: The

Life of Brian.

BEST FRIEND: Hope I have many.

BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:

Dad and the coaching staff at Ipswich.

WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT

FOOTBALL?: Violence on the terraces.

SUPERSTITIONS: None.

PRE-MATCH MEAL: Poached eggs.

INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:

England youth caps.

PERSONAL AMBITION: To stay happy

with life.

PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To be

successful with Ipswich and England.

CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Haven't

given it much thought.

A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Jimmy

King (Ipswich).

WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO

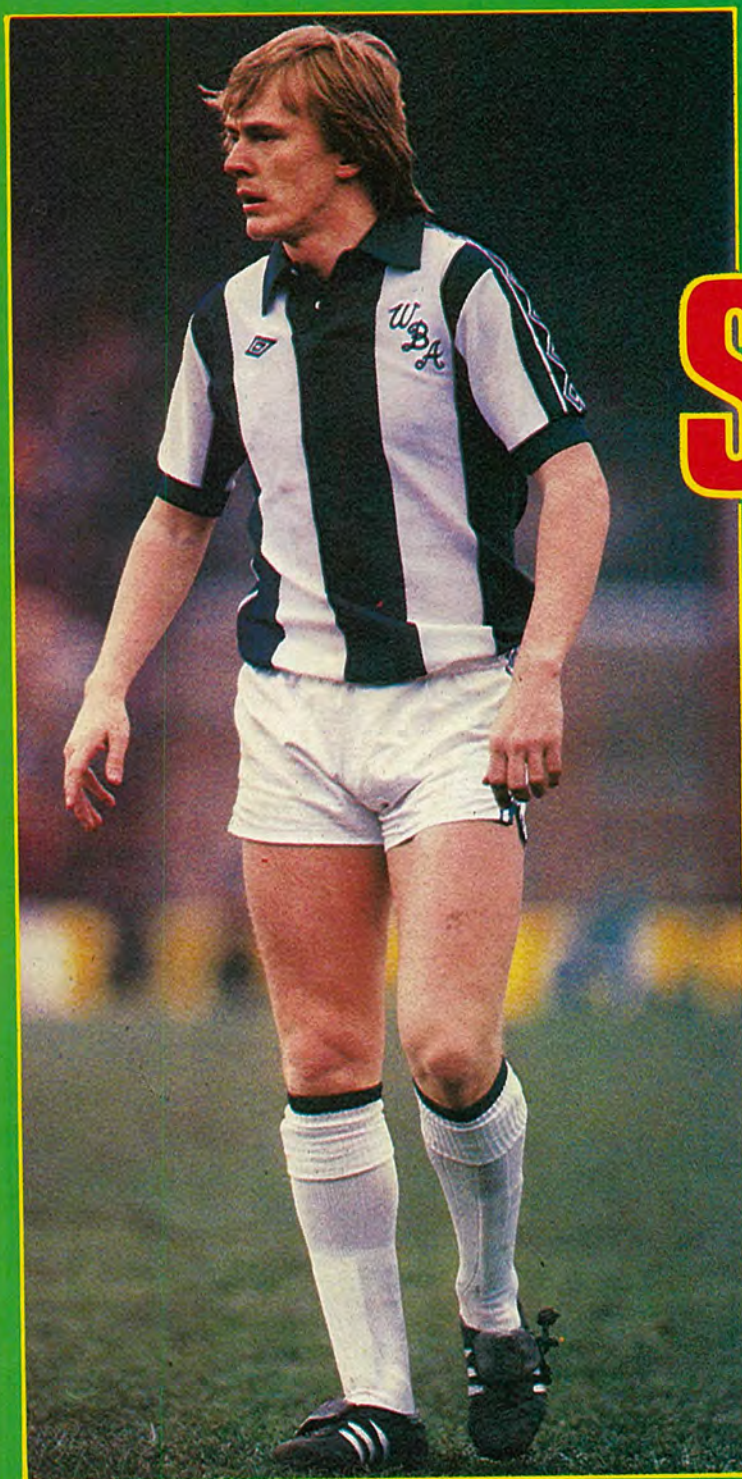
MEET: Clint Eastwood.

ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Stick in

and listen to coaches and players.

Steve McCall





BARNES STORMER

Peter Barnes (West Bromwich Albion) v Tottenham, Football League Division One at the Hawthorns, May 2, 1981.

WITH a shuffle of the feet and a shake of the shoulders, Peter Barnes wriggled through the Tottenham defence to score the kind of goal they'll be talking about in the West Midlands for years.

Spurs might have had one eye on the twin towers of Wembley beckoning them to the Cup Final a week later but that shouldn't detract from this brilliant solo effort which left Ricky Villa, Mark Hazard and Don McAllister sprawling in the winger's wake.

Ally Brown had put Albion ahead in the eighth minute before Barnes stormed through ten minutes from the interval.

From a throw in, he took the return from Batson and set off on a mazy dribble like a serpent through sand, finally shaking off Hazard's tackle and wrong-footing McAllister before blasting a left foot shot into the roof of the net.

It was a goal which not only made the fans snatch their breath and inspired Albion to a 4-2 victory, but which also

Golden Goal

caught the eye of England manager Ron Greenwood, who immediately re-called Peter to his squad against Brazil.

NEXT WEEK:

● The goal that clinched glory for Liverpool

I am an Aston villa fan and would like a pen pal (aged nine to 15) who supports Villa.

Anthony Hancock,
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I am 13-years-old and would like to correspond with someone in England with a view to swapping posters and information about football.

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I would like a pen pal interested in swapping programmes.

Ian Montellier, 49 Weston
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I am a 13-year-old Australian boy who supports Manchester City and Blackburn Rovers. I would like a girl pen pal who supports any club in England or Wales.

Bradly Billings,
16 Lucas Crescent, Seaford
3198, Victoria, Australia.

I am an ardent West Ham fan and also like Celtic, Wimbledon, Wigan, Bayern Munich and the pop group Adam and the Ants. I would like a pen pal, boy or girl, from Scotland or the Continent.

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Five goals — but Stein was disappointed!

FIVE goals in two days was striker Brian Stein's Christmas present to Luton Town fans.

On Boxing Day last season his two goals sunk fellow Second Division promotion challengers Chelsea at Kenilworth Road.

And 24 hours later he was on the score sheet again to notch up the first hat-trick of his career.

"I was a bit disappointed because I should have had three goals against Chelsea — that would have made it two hat-tricks in two days," said Brian.

Smarting from his miss against Chelsea, Brian got on the goal trail within 13 minutes of the start at struggling Bristol Rovers.

"Alan West beat the offside trap with a beautiful chip pass and I hit the ball to the right of the oncoming keeper," said Brian.

"My second came 10 minutes before half-time. Geoffrey Ingram's shot was parried by the keeper and I hit the rebound through a pile of bodies into the net.

"My third came when I turned quickly in the penalty area and a gap opened up in front of me so I just hit the ball as hard as I could.

"The Bristol players presented me with the ball after the game — it's one of my most prized mementos," added Brian, who scored 19 league goals last season.

Right: Luton's Brian Stein — disappointed not to score two hat-tricks in two days.



Leighton's 'extra-special' hat-trick

IT TOOK Swansea's Leighton James 12 years to score his first ever League hat-trick . . . and he did it against his former club, Derby County.

"It was a great feeling when the third goal went in," said Leighton. "But the fact it was against my old team-mates made it extra special."

After waiting so long for his first hat-trick the Welsh international grabbed another less than six months later.

"When Leighton Phillips was injured manager John Toshack gave me the job of taking the penalties — and that produced the unexpected bonus of two hat-tricks," added Leighton.

"I hit one from the spot against Derby and two penalties when I collected my second hat-trick at home to Bolton," he said.

The former Burnley, Derby and QPR star finished the season with 16 League goals as Swansea gained promotion to Division One for the first time in their history.

After both games a delighted Leighton was presented with the match ball.

"But I've only got the memory of the games now because I gave both balls away. One went to a charity and the other to a friend," he added.

Five of Leighton's goals came from the spot and it's been the winger's best ever season for scoring goals.

Above: Swansea's Leighton James — two hat-tricks in six months after a 12 year wait.



HAT-TRICKS

Here's a full list of all the hat-tricks scored in Football League games last season.

DIVISION ONE

Justin Fashanu (Norwich) v Stoke
John Hawley (Sunderland) v Man City
Clive Allen (Crystal Pal) v Middlesbrough
Bob Latchford (Everton) v Crystal Palace
Gordon Smith (Brighton) v Coventry
Mike Flanagan (Crystal Palace) v Southampton
Garth Crooks (Spurs) v Crystal Palace
Lee Chapman (Stoke) v Norwich
David Hodgson (Middlesbrough) v Spurs
Lee Chapman (Stoke) v Leeds
Tom English (Coventry) v Leicester
Tom Ritchie (Sunderland) v Birmingham
Jim Melrose (Leicester) v Norwich

DIVISION TWO

Brian Kidd (Bolton) v Newcastle
Leighton James (Swansea) v Derby
Bob Lee (Bristol Rovers) v Newcastle
Brian Kidd (Bolton) v Cambridge
Brian Stein (Luton) v Bristol Rovers
Leighton James (Swansea) v Bolton
David Cross (West Ham) v Grimsby
Andy McCulloch (Sheff Wed) v Cambridge
Paul Goddard (West Ham) v QPR

DIVISION THREE

David Kemp (Plymouth) v Carlisle
Steve Taylor (Burnley) v Millwall

SCORING a hat-trick is every player's dream but it's a feat achieved by few.

Match Weekly talks to some of the stars who hit the headlines last season by scoring three goals in a game and relives with them a day they'll never forget.

Garth Crooks' partnership up front for Spurs with Steve Archibald last season spelt trouble for defences and plenty of goals.

The former Stoke striker finished his first season at White Hart Lane with an FA Cup winners medal, 16 league goals and a hat-trick against bottom of the table Crystal Palace.

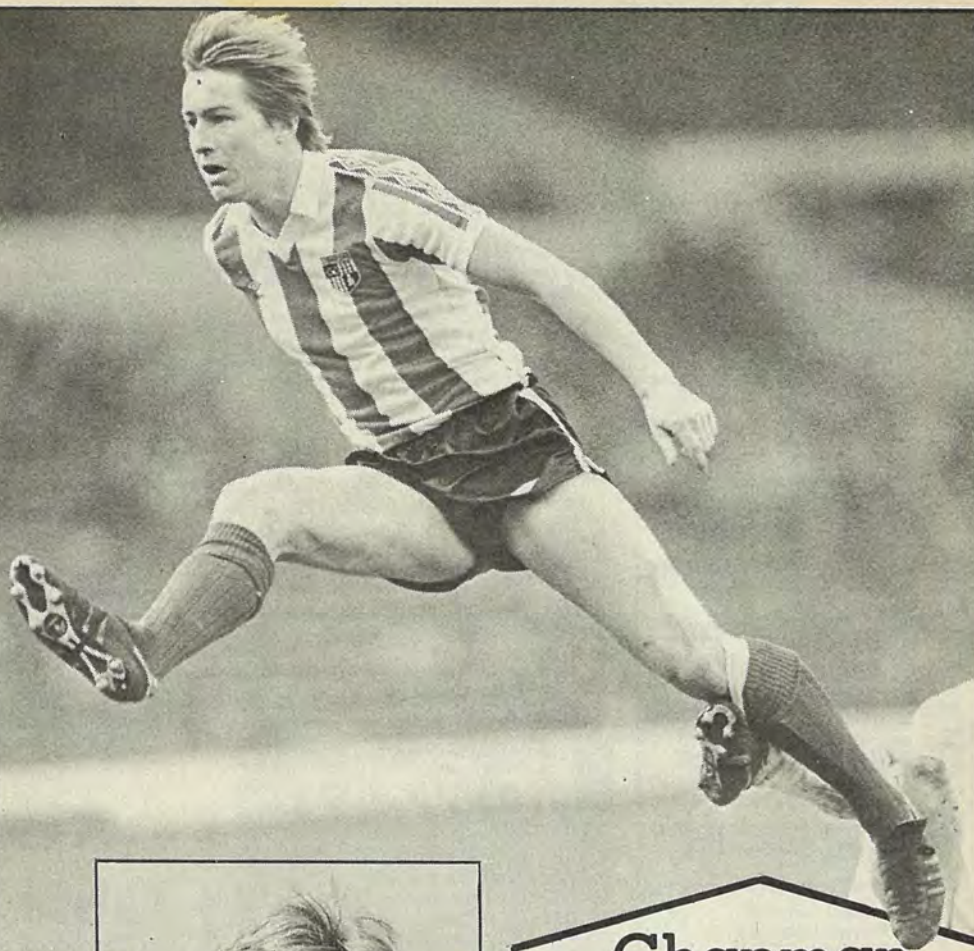
Garth grabbed three in Spurs 4-2 home victory.

HAT-TRICK HEROES

Tony Kellow (Exeter) v Charlton
Alan Birch (Chesterfield) v Carlisle
Steve Kindon (Huddersfield) v Exeter
Trevor Aylott (Barnsley) v Hull
Tony Kellow (Exeter) v Gillingham
Mick Tait (Portsmouth) v Exeter
Andy Rowland (Swindon) v Sheff Utd
Ernie Moss (Chesterfield) v Walsall
Gordon Staniforth (Carlisle) v Burnley
Ronnie Glavin (Barnsley) v Newport

DIVISION FOUR

Derek Spence (Southend) v York
Alan Cork (Wimbledon) v Crewe
Jim Lumby (Tranmere) v York
Peter Coyne (Crewe) v Hereford
Mick Quinn (Wigan) v Doncaster
Gordon Hobson (Lincoln) v Northampton
Terry Austin (Mansfield) v Rochdale
Mick Harford (Lincoln) v Torquay
Frank McGrellis (Hereford) v Bradford
Mark Sanford (Aldershot) v Hereford
Peter Denyer (Northampton) v Scunthorpe
Steve Johnson (Bury) v Rochdale
Bobby Campbell (Bradford) v Wigan
Keith Bowker (Torquay) v Bury
Peter Denyer (Northampton) v Bury
Bob Houghton (Wigan) v Tranmere
John Stalker (Darlington) v Wigan



Chapman topped hat-trick hunt

STOKE City's young striker Lee Chapman burst onto the First Division scene last season with 15 League goals.

And included in the England Under-21 international's impressive tally were two hat-tricks against relegated Norwich and Leeds.

Chapman was in fact one of only two players to score two hat-tricks last season in Division One.

The form of the blond striker has made him a target for other First Division clubs — especially with rumours that Lee has refused to renew his contract with Stoke.

Melrose magic doomed Norwich

LEICESTER'S Jim Melrose had to wait until the final Saturday of the season for his first hat-trick in the English League — and it sent Norwich tumbling into the Second Division.

Jim, Leicester's £250,000 signing from Partick Thistle at the beginning of last season, scored all his side's goals in a 3-2 win over Norwich at Carrow Road.

"It was great to finish my short First Division career with a hat-trick," said Jim.

Leicester were already doomed to Division Two, but Norwich had to beat them to stay up. Jim delivered an early blow to their hopes with a goal after 19 minutes.

He remembers: "Debut-boy Norman Leet found me with a ball into the box.

"I beat Steve Walford and slipped the ball to striking partner Alan Young. His shot was

parried and I sneaked in the rebound.

"The second came after a cross from Tommy Williams. I chested it down and hit the ball past keeper Chris Woods."

The Scots striker finished off the day by chipping a shot over the 'keeper after being put clear by Paul Ramsey.

Jim struggled to find his form immediately after his move south of the border, but after the New Year he scored eight goals to take his League tally to 11.

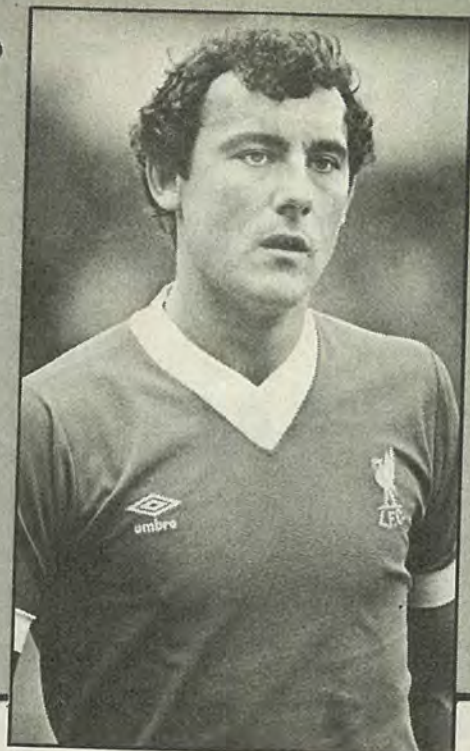
Above: Jim Melrose, whose three goals for Leicester against Norwich sent the Carrow Road Club into Division Two.

NEXT WEEK: More hat-trick heroes talk to Match.



Match Quiz

- 1 John Wark (Ipswich) equalled the record for most goals scored in a European cup competition when he scored his 14th against AZ Alkmaar in the final of the UEFA Cup. Whose record did he equal? For which club did he play and in what season did he set the record?
- 2 For which Spanish club does West German international Bernd Schuster play? Is it a) Real Sociedad, b) Valencia, c) Barcelona?
- 3 Which Italian First Division club has Paolo Rossi joined?
- 4 Graeme Souness scored two European Cup hat-tricks for Liverpool last season. Against which clubs?
- 5 What have Ray Kennedy (right, Liverpool), Brendon Batson (left, West Brom) and Wilf Rostron (Watford) in common?
- 6 Four of these clubs have played in all four divisions of the Football League. Can you name the odd ones out? Crystal Palace, Brighton, Huddersfield, Bolton, Northampton, Derby.
- 7 Aston Villa are the Football League champions. Who scored their first goal of the season and against whom?
- 8 With which club did Brighton's top scorer Michael Robinson begin his League career?
- 9 Which club knocked St Mirren out of the UEFA Cup last season?
- 10 Can you name the home grounds of the following clubs? a) Dundee United, b) York City, c) Lincoln City.



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HOWZAT!

HOW MANY English and Scottish League teams can you remember in 30 seconds beginning with the letter H? Here's a clue, there are eight.

Table teaser

Just for fun we have forecast the final table of the World Cup qualifying Group Five in which Italy look certain to make it to the finals in Spain. We have missed out a few figures, can you study the table and fill them in?

| | P | W | D | L | For | Ag | Pts |
|------------|---|---|---|---|-----|----|-----|
| Italy | 8 | 7 | | 1 | 23 | 5 | 14 |
| Yugoslavia | 8 | | 1 | 3 | 8 | 14 | 9 |
| Greece | 8 | | 3 | | 9 | 8 | 7 |
| Denmark | 8 | 2 | | 5 | 6 | 14 | |
| Luxembourg | 8 | 1 | 2 | | 13 | 17 | |

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(1) Jose Altafini, AC Milan, 1963. (2) St-Etienne (France). (10) a) Tannadice, on August 16. (8) Preston North End. (9) Barcelona. (3) Juventus. (4) Julun Pal. (5) All started their league careers with Arsenal. (6) Neither Bol-dersfield, Hull, Hearts, Hamilton, ton nor Derby have played in the Fourth Division. (7) Tony Morley in the 44th minute of the 2-1 defeat of Leeds Answer: Trevor Ross (Everton).

TABLE TEASER

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Match bag winners

WINNERS of a Match Weekly kit bag in our May 30 issue were: Simon Kealey, Pocklington, Yorks.; Jeremy Rose, Bury St. Edmunds; Michael Herd, Abingdon, Oxon.; David Pearce, Beaconsfield, Bucks.; Paul Bewick, Peterlee, Co. Durham.

Correct answers were: Across: 1 West Ham United; 7 O'Neill; 8 Ipswich; 9 Sons; 11 Bees; 12 Barry; 14 Manager; 17 Replays; 18 Leeds; 20 John; 21 Neil; 26 Pearson; 27 Carter; 28 Newport County. Down: 2 Stein; 3 Hull; 4 United; 5 Town; 6 Docherty; 10 Stand; 11 Byes; 13 Allan; 15 Aberdeen; 16 Dean; 19 Corner; 22 Elton; 23 Larry; 24 Draw; 25 Jago.

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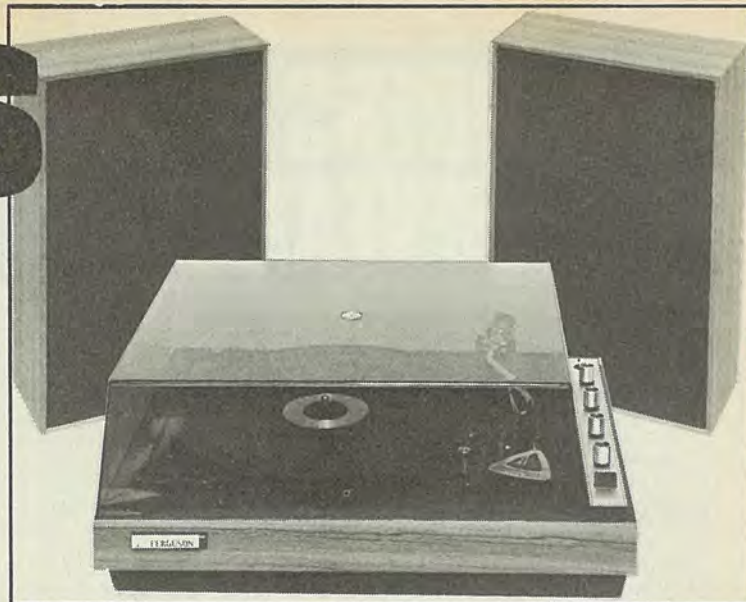
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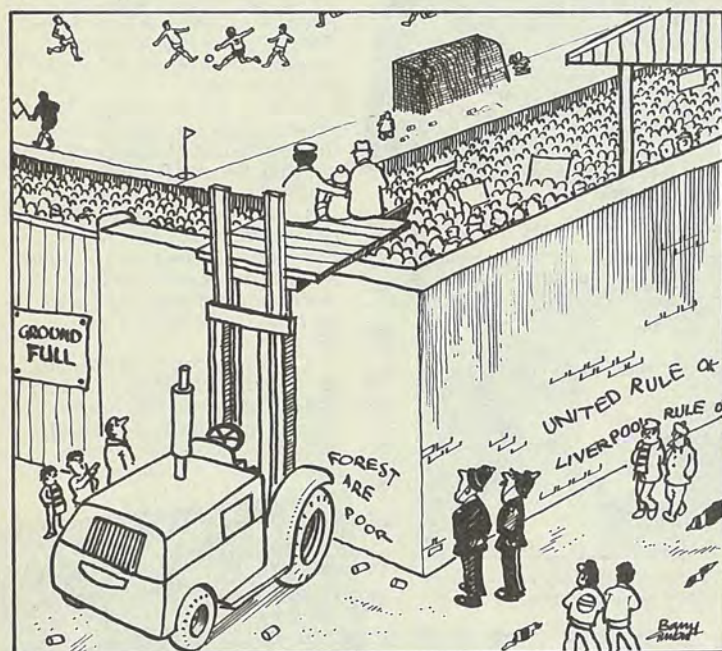
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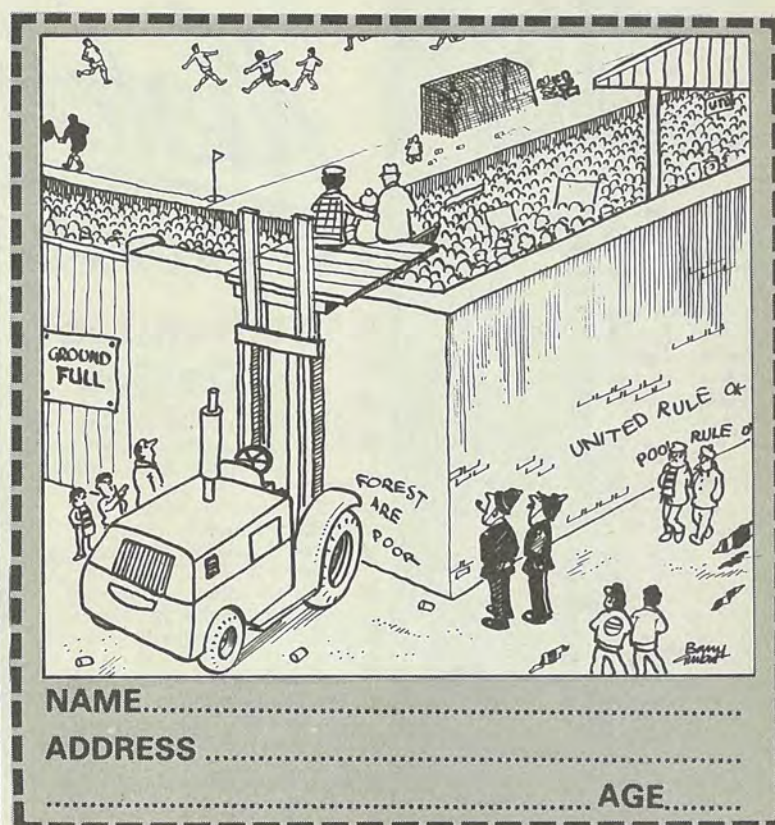
Make sure your entry reaches us by Friday, June 19, and don't forget to look out for all 11 winners' names in our July 4 issue.



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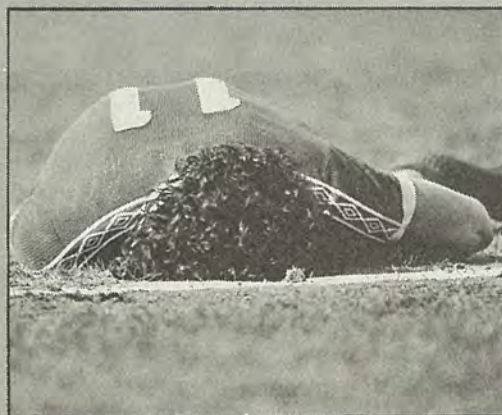
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Who am I?

I WAS born in Ashton-under-Lyne and began my career with Arsenal. I later moved to Merseyside where I helped my club reach the FA Cup semi-finals in 1980. If you can unscramble the letters of my christian and surname below or identify my picture, you have the answer.

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SAUNDERS' SECRET REVEALED

ASTON Villa manager Ron Saunders revealed the season's best-kept secret when he received a £2,500 cheque for being named Bell's Manager of the Year at the recent presentation in London.

It wasn't how he masterminded his side to their first Championship win for 71 years. But rather why he is rarely seen to smile.

"It's simple," he told his fellow managers at the Cafe Royal luncheon. "My teeth slip!"

The Bell's divisional awards for

the season went to West Ham's John Lyall (Div 2), Rotherham's Ian Porterfield (Div 3) and Southend's Dave Smith (Div 4), who each received a silver salver and cheques for £500.

Ipswich boss Bobby Robson, whose side lifted the UEFA Cup after coming so close to an amazing treble, and Swansea's John Toshack, who has taken his club from Fourth to First Division in just four seasons, each received special awards of a silver salver and a £500 cheque.



Pictured left to right are John Lyall, Raymond Miquel of Bell's Whisky, Ron Saunders and Ian Porterfield.

Masson's a free agent

THE FANS who voted Don Masson "Player of the Year" last season must wait to discover whether he will be back to lead Notts County into the First Division.

The Scottish international had an agreement when he returned to Meadow Lane from Derby County that he would become a free agent if the club won promotion.

Masson, keen to sample American soccer, immediately flew out to join Minnesota Kicks once the Second Division programme was completed.

He explained: "I was in the Notts team which won two promotions in the space of three seasons in the early 1970s so you can imagine what it means to me to see them in the First Division."

"I'm contracted to Minnesota for the summer but then I'll be a free agent again. I'll play for anyone who wants me — and naturally I hope that means Notts."

You're a woman ref!

COULD this be the shape of things to come? The North American Soccer League has appointed its first woman referee.

She's mother of five Betty Ellis, who made her debut running the line in the Portland v Calgary game.

Attack from the back!

EUROPEAN Cup winner Alan Kennedy (left) gives Liverpool colleague Phil Neal's autobiography 'Attack From The Back' the seal of approval during a sneak preview at Anfield.

Alan, whose goal gunned down Real Madrid in the final in Paris to give Liverpool their third European Cup victory, is pictured with Phil, Sammy Lee and Eire international Steve Heighway (now Tulsa Roughnecks).

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PRIZEWINNERS

The six winners of the 'Shankly on Soccer'
competition which appeared in the May 23
issue of Match are:

K. Sholders, Mitcham, Surrey; Michael
Norden, East Herrington, Sunderland;
Graham Lamb, Whitefield, Manchester;
Richard Thomas, Clifton, Bristol; Andrew
Hill, Highbridge, Somerset; and Mark Ellis,
Harmer Hill, Shrewsbury.

Each receives a Bill Shankly double album.

MATCH WEEKLY

Match Chat

Compiled by Bob Warters

NO-GO

SPARE a thought for Wolves full
back Geoff Palmer
He was forced to miss the
club's trip to Florida because he
couldn't renew his passport in
time, due to the Civil Service
dispute.

'So humble' — Davies

WREXHAM goalkeeper Dai
Davies had mixed feelings
when he became Wales' most
capped goalkeeper.

His 42nd cap (against
Scotland) put him ahead of
former Arsenal goalkeeper Jack
Kelsey who was Dai's idol!

"It's a wonderful landmark
for me, but Jack was a boyhood
hero of mine," says 33-year-old
Dai.

"I used to be awestruck when
I watched him play. He was
almost a God-like figure. It will
be so sad to see his name taken
out of the record books. It just
made me feel so humble to be
the man to beat his record."



Wrexham's Dai Davies — Wales
most capped goalkeeper.



BOLTON'S relegation battle in the Second Division last season hardly left them with any lingering memories.

But at least their strike force of Brian Kidd and Neil Whatmore had something to smile about.

They both chalked up personal goalscoring milestones during the course of last season, former Manchester United and Everton star Brian

League soccer, and Neil reaching his century.

Five other players joined Brian in the 150 bracket, including another of Everton's former strikers, Joe Royle — whose seven goals for Norwich took him to 152.

David Cross, whose 22 goals made a significant contribution to West Ham's runaway success in the Second Division, also reached that goal — along with Chesterfield's Ernie

Moss, Aldershot's record signing Colin Garwood and Stockport's Les Bradd.

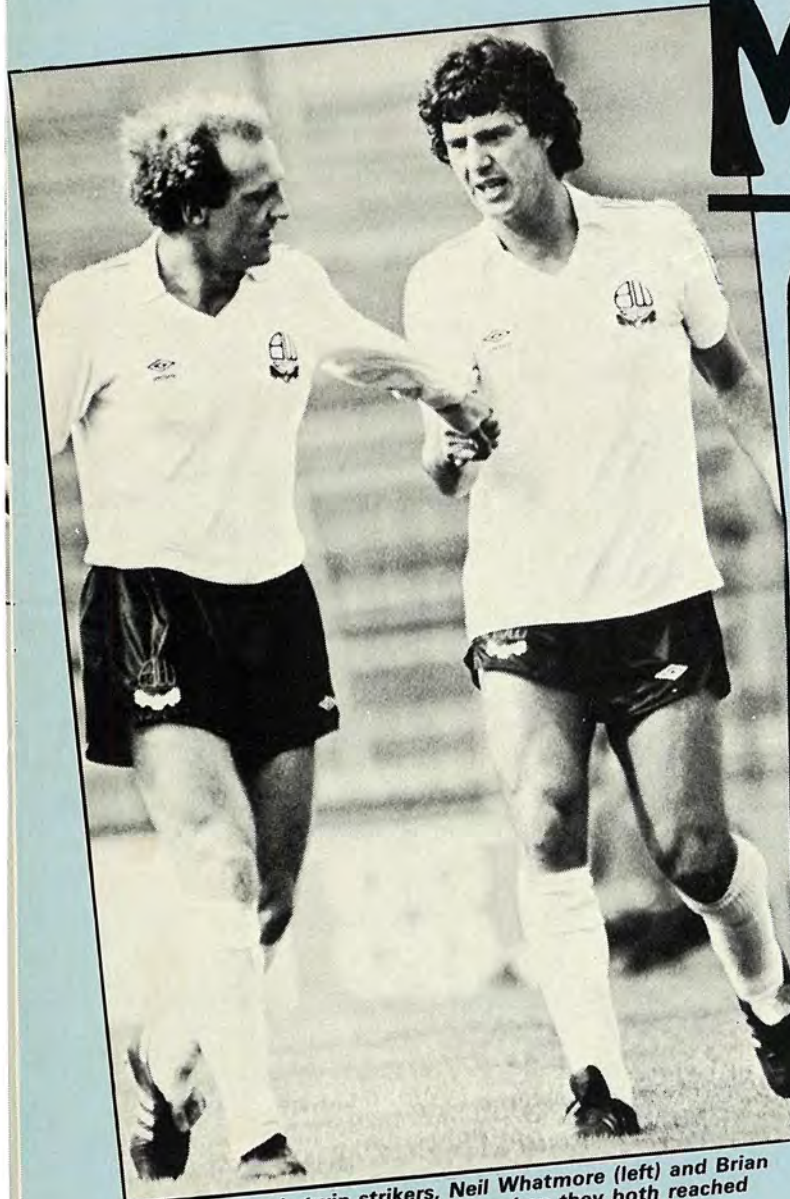
Among the ton-up brigade was Ray Kennedy, one of Liverpool's European Cup heroes, and Luton's penalty specialist David Moss, who took his career tally to 113.

Right: Steve Kindon's 18 goals last season just failed to get Huddersfield promotion for the second successive season.



MILESTONE MEN

Spotlight on the strikers who reached goalscoring milestones last season



Above: Bolton's twin strikers, Neil Whatmore (left) and Brian Kidd, celebrate a goal in a season when they both reached personal scoring milestones.

150~up

| | |
|---------------------------|-----|
| Ernie Moss (Chesterfield) | 157 |
| Les Bradd (Stockport) | 156 |
| David Cross (West Ham) | 152 |
| Colin Garwood (Aldershot) | 152 |
| Joe Royle (Norwich) | 152 |
| Brian Kidd (Bolton) | 150 |

Right: West Ham striker David Cross hoisted his tally with 22 goals in the Second Division last season.

100~up

| | |
|-----------------------------|-----|
| David Moss (Luton) | 113 |
| Steve Kindon (Huddersfield) | 106 |
| Mick Butler (Bury) | 105 |
| Ross Jenkins (Watford) | 103 |
| Rodney Fern (Rotherham) | 103 |
| Andy Rowland (Swindon) | 103 |
| Ray Kennedy (Liverpool) | 102 |
| Neil Whatmore (Bolton) | 102 |
| David Kemp (Plymouth) | 101 |

Right: Penalty specialist David Moss took his goal tally to 113 by topping Luton's scoring chart with 16 goals.





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KENNY DALGLISH

Liverpool and
Scotland



Top stopper . . . Aberdeen's 'keeper Jim Leighton, the safest hands in the Scottish Premier League.

How Celtic power

CELTIC are back on top in Scotland.

Billy McNeill's side swept back to power by winning the Premier Division championship for the third time in six years, leaving defending champions Aberdeen in their wake.

The 'Bhoys' final margin of seven points was the second biggest since the Premier Division was introduced in 1975.

Celtic's 'Auld Firm' rivals Rangers also had plenty to shout about.

They appeared in their sixth successive Scottish Cup Final and took the trophy back to Ibrox for the 24th time with a 4-1 replay victory over Dundee United.

But Dundee United had the consolation of having retained the League Cup by defeating town rivals Dundee 3-0 in the final.

And Dundee fans can look forward to plenty of 'derby' battles next season with Dundee having clinched a return ticket to the Premier Division alongside

United, at the expense of St Johnstone.

Like First Division champions Hibernian, Dundee spent just one season away from Premier action.

On the other hand, Hibernian's Edinburgh neighbours Hearts make the return journey for the second time in three seasons with Kilmarnock as company.

Coincidentally, Hearts and Kilmarnock went down together in 1977 which was also the same season Celtic clinched the championship.



Collared! . . . Tom Forsyth (Rangers) holds Dundee United's dangerman Paul Sturrock at bay. Sturrock crowned a 13-goal league season with a Scottish cap.

TOP STOPPERS

| | Games | Goals | Mins per goal |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|---------------|
| Jim Leighton (Aberdeen) | 35 | 26 | 121 |
| Peter McCloy (Rangers) | 25 | 22 | 102 |
| Pat Bonner (Celtic) | 36 | 37 | 88 |
| Alan McCulloch (Kilmarnock) | 19 | 21 | 81 |
| Hamish McAlpine (Dundee U) | 36 | 42 | 77 |
| Billy Thomson (St Mirren) | 36 | 47 | 69 |
| Alan Rough (Partick) | 33 | 43 | 69 |
| Roy Baines (Morton) | 35 | 57 | 55 |
| John Martin (Airdrie) | 23 | 38 | 54 |
| John Brough (Hearts) | 34 | 67 | 46 |

KEEPERS TABLE

THE FIRST column in the table left shows the number of games played. The second column shows the number of goals conceded and the third column is the average number of minutes' play between each goal. For instance, Dundee United's Hamish McAlpine conceded on average one league goal every 77 minutes.

Note: Only Scottish League matches have been used in the compilation of this table and only goalkeepers who had played at least 18 games qualified for inclusion.

Leighton's so safe

ABERDEEN may have lost their Scottish Premier Division championship to Celtic, but goalkeeper Jim Leighton proved to be the safest 'keeper in the division.

He conceded only 26 goals in Aberdeen's full League programme of 36 matches, an average of a goal conceded every 121 minutes.

Ironically, Rangers' Peter McCloy, who lost his first team place at the end of the season to former Middlesbrough goalkeeper Jim Stewart, finished second.

Partick's Alan Rough and St Mirren's Billy Thomson, the men currently occupying the places in Scotland's World Cup squad, finished outside the top five.

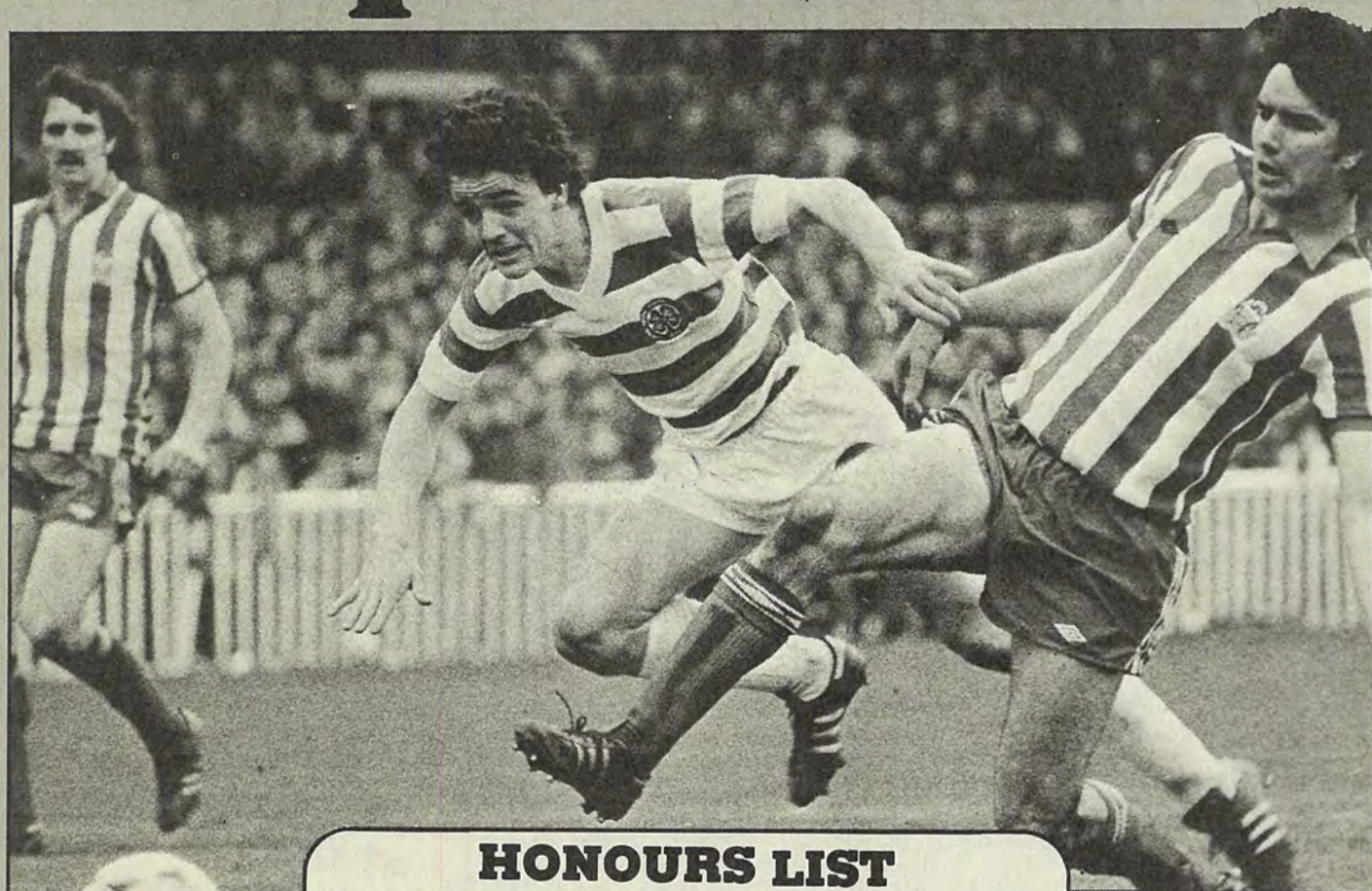


SCOTTISH PREMIER

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---------------|----|----|---|----|----|----|----|---|----|----|----|-----|
| Celtic | 36 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 47 | 18 | 14 | 1 | 3 | 37 | 19 | 56 |
| Aberdeen | 36 | 11 | 4 | 3 | 39 | 16 | 8 | 7 | 3 | 22 | 10 | 49 |
| Rangers | 36 | 12 | 3 | 3 | 33 | 10 | 4 | 9 | 5 | 27 | 22 | 44 |
| St Mirren | 36 | 9 | 6 | 3 | 28 | 20 | 9 | 2 | 7 | 28 | 27 | 44 |
| Dundee United | 36 | 8 | 5 | 5 | 34 | 24 | 9 | 4 | 5 | 32 | 18 | 43 |
| Partick | 36 | 6 | 6 | 6 | 17 | 17 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 15 | 31 | 30 |
| Airdrie | 36 | 6 | 5 | 7 | 19 | 25 | 4 | 4 | 10 | 17 | 30 | 29 |
| Morton | 36 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 24 | 28 | 3 | 6 | 9 | 12 | 30 | 28 |
| Kilmarnock | 36 | 3 | 5 | 10 | 14 | 31 | 2 | 4 | 12 | 9 | 34 | 19 |
| Hearts | 36 | 3 | 4 | 11 | 10 | 27 | 3 | 2 | 13 | 17 | 44 | 18 |

Davie Cooper . . . two goal hero of Rangers 4-1 Scottish FA Cup replay defeat of Dundee United.

swept back to



Above: McGarvey goes for goal
... Celtic's Premier League top
scorer Frank McGarvey in action
against Kilmarnock.

'Goals' McGarvey!

CELTIC'S Frank McGarvey was the top scorer in the Scottish Premier Division with 22 League goals.

In fact, it was a one-two for Celtic with teenage star Charlie Nicholas in second place on 17.

Then came Dundee United pair Dave Dodds (14) and Paul Sturrock (13) with Rangers' Colin McAdam on 12.

HONOURS LIST

Premier Division
Champions — Celtic
Runners-up — Aberdeen
Relegated — Hearts,
Kilmarnock

Division One
Champions — Hibernian
Runners-up — Dundee
Relegated — Stirling,
Berwick

Division Two
Champions — Queen's Park
Runners-up — Queen of the
South

Scottish Cup
Winners — Rangers
Runners-up — Dundee Utd

League Cup
Winners — Dundee Utd
Runners-up — Dundee

Hat-trick King Doug

ST MIRREN striker Doug Somner was the hat-trick king in the Scottish Premier Division.

He helped himself to three hat-tricks, two in the League, against Morton and Kilmarnock, and one in the League Cup against Albion Rovers.

The other League hat-tricks came from Rangers' John McDonald against Kilmarnock and Aberdeen's Walker McCall against Airdrie.

There were hat-tricks in cup competitions for Frank McGarvey (Celtic), Mark McGhee (Aberdeen), and Dave Dodds (Dundee United).

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION RESULTS GUIDE

Read across for home
games, down for away
games

| | ABERDEEN | AIRDRIE | CELTIC | DUNDEE U | HEARTS | KILMARNOCK | MORTON | PARTICK | RANGERS | ST MIRREN |
|------------|----------|---------|--------|----------|--------|------------|--------|---------|---------|-----------|
| ABERDEEN | | 4-1 | 2-2 | 1-1 | 4-1 | 2-0 | 6-0 | 2-1 | 2-0 | 3-2 |
| AIRDRIE | 0-4 | | 3-0 | 4-1 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-2 | 0-1 | 3-1 | 0-0 |
| CELTIC | 0-0 | 1-1 | | 1-2 | 0-5 | 1-2 | 3-0 | 3-2 | 2-0 | 0-5 |
| DUNDEE U | 1-3 | 1-0 | 0-3 | | 2-1 | 6-0 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 4-1 | 3-1 |
| HEARTS | 0-0 | 4-1 | 2-3 | 0-3 | | 4-1 | 2-2 | 1-0 | 3-2 | 2-1 |
| KILMARNOCK | 0-2 | 2-3 | 0-3 | 0-4 | 0-1 | | 0-0 | 1-1 | 2-1 | 1-2 |
| MORTON | 1-1 | 1-1 | 0-3 | 0-1 | 2-0 | 1-0 | | 3-3 | 0-1 | 1-8 |
| PARTICK | 1-0 | 0-1 | 1-2 | 0-1 | 2-0 | 0-0 | 0-0 | | 1-1 | 1-2 |
| RANGERS | 1-0 | 3-1 | 2-3 | 0-2 | 2-2 | 2-0 | 1-2 | 2-2 | | 1-4 |
| ST MIRREN | 1-3 | 0-1 | 0-3 | 2-0 | 3-0 | 1-0 | 2-0 | 0-2 | 1-3 | |
| | 0-1 | 2-1 | 0-1 | 2-3 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 0-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 |
| | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-1 | 0-2 | 3-2 | 1-1 | 3-1 | 1-1 | 0-0 | 1-0 |
| | 1-1 | 0-0 | 3-0 | 1-4 | 3-1 | 2-0 | 0-1 | 4-0 | 2-0 | 1-0 |
| | 1-0 | 2-0 | 0-1 | 2-1 | 4-0 | 2-0 | 4-0 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 1-0 |
| | 1-1 | 2-2 | 0-2 | 2-0 | 1-3 | 2-0 | 1-1 | 1-0 | 0-0 | 2-1 |
| | 0-1 | 2-1 | 3-1 | 3-3 | 2-1 | 1-1 | 2-0 | 3-2 | 2-1 | |

NOTE: Teams
play each
other twice,
making a total
of 36 games
per club.

ASTON Villa's championship success last season brought them a massive increase at the Villa Park turnstiles.

They boosted their gates by 118,000 from the previous season, which was by far the biggest increase in the country in a campaign that produced the lowest attendances since the war.

Only five clubs in the First Division showed an increase, one of them being UEFA Cup winners Ipswich who boosted their figures by 64,000.

Ironically, two of the five were relegated. Leicester and Norwich both made small increases despite their relegation blues, and Southampton's

coup in signing Kevin Keegan also brought a marginal increase.

But overall the Football League attendances slumped by more than 2½ million on the previous year's figures which had showed an increase of 50,000.

A total of 21,874,282 clicked through the turnstiles with only 24 of the 92 League clubs managing to boost their gates.

Nearly three-quarters of a million supporters were lost in the First Division where Liverpool and Manchester United, traditionally the best supported clubs, suffered disastrous slumps, losing 145,000 and 137,000 respectively.

But the most dramatic slide befell relegated Crystal Palace.

Their traumatic season was completed by the loss of 232,000 fans after topping the division last year with a 130,000 increase.

The Second Division lost almost one million fans and, but for West Ham's 88,000 increase, the situation would have been even more desperate.

Big losses were suffered by Bristol City, relegated for the second successive season, Bolton and Newcastle.

In the lower divisions, most of the clubs involved in promotion issues showed increases with Huddersfield the best with 65,184, despite just missing a Second Division ticket.

One of the eight teams with a plus sign in the Third were Blackpool, who face Fourth Division soccer for the first time in their history.

Left: Second Division champions West Ham also reached the League Cup Final. Here striker Paul Goddard (left) leaves Coventry defenders Danny Thomas and Gary Gillespie trailing during the semi-final, first leg at Highfield Road.

Right: Aston Villa skipper Dennis Mortimer and manager Ron Saunders parade the Championship trophy.



VILLA

Title win brings success at the turnstiles

DIVISION ONE

| Club | 1979-80 | | 1980-81 | | Ups and Downs |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| | Total Gate | League pos | Total Gate | League pos | |
| Aston Villa | 587,491 | 7 | 706,474 | 1 | +118,983 |
| Ipswich | 454,010 | 3 | 518,101 | 2 | +64,091 |
| *Leicester | 391,349 | 1 | 405,743 | 21 | +14,394 |
| Norwich | 361,733 | 12 | 372,360 | 20 | +10,627 |
| Southampton | 448,031 | 8 | 450,812 | 6 | +2,781 |
| *Sunderland | 569,507 | 2 | 556,061 | 17 | -13,446 |
| Arsenal | 705,509 | 4 | 682,135 | 3 | -23,374 |
| *Birmingham | 428,958 | 3 | 402,229 | 13 | -26,729 |
| Tottenham | 672,385 | 14 | 643,869 | 9 | -28,516 |
| Leeds | 478,541 | 11 | 448,655 | 10 | -29,886 |
| Nottm Forest | 553,355 | 5 | 516,815 | 7 | -36,540 |
| Man City | 740,709 | 17 | 703,216 | 12 | -37,493 |
| West Brom | 470,786 | 10 | 427,217 | 4 | -43,569 |
| Middlesbrough | 393,522 | 9 | 345,536 | 14 | -47,986 |
| Coventry | 405,616 | 15 | 355,229 | 16 | -50,387 |
| Everton | 602,924 | 19 | 548,375 | 15 | -54,549 |
| Wolves | 540,351 | 6 | 452,425 | 19 | -87,926 |
| Stoke | 423,704 | 18 | 326,712 | 11 | -96,992 |
| Brighton | 519,636 | 16 | 400,342 | 18 | -119,294 |
| Man United | 1,083,761 | 2 | 946,176 | 8 | -137,585 |
| Liverpool | 936,296 | 1 | 790,567 | 5 | -145,729 |
| C. Palace | 625,666 | 13 | 392,875 | 22 | -232,791 |

*Indicates teams promoted from Division Two at the end of season 1979-80.

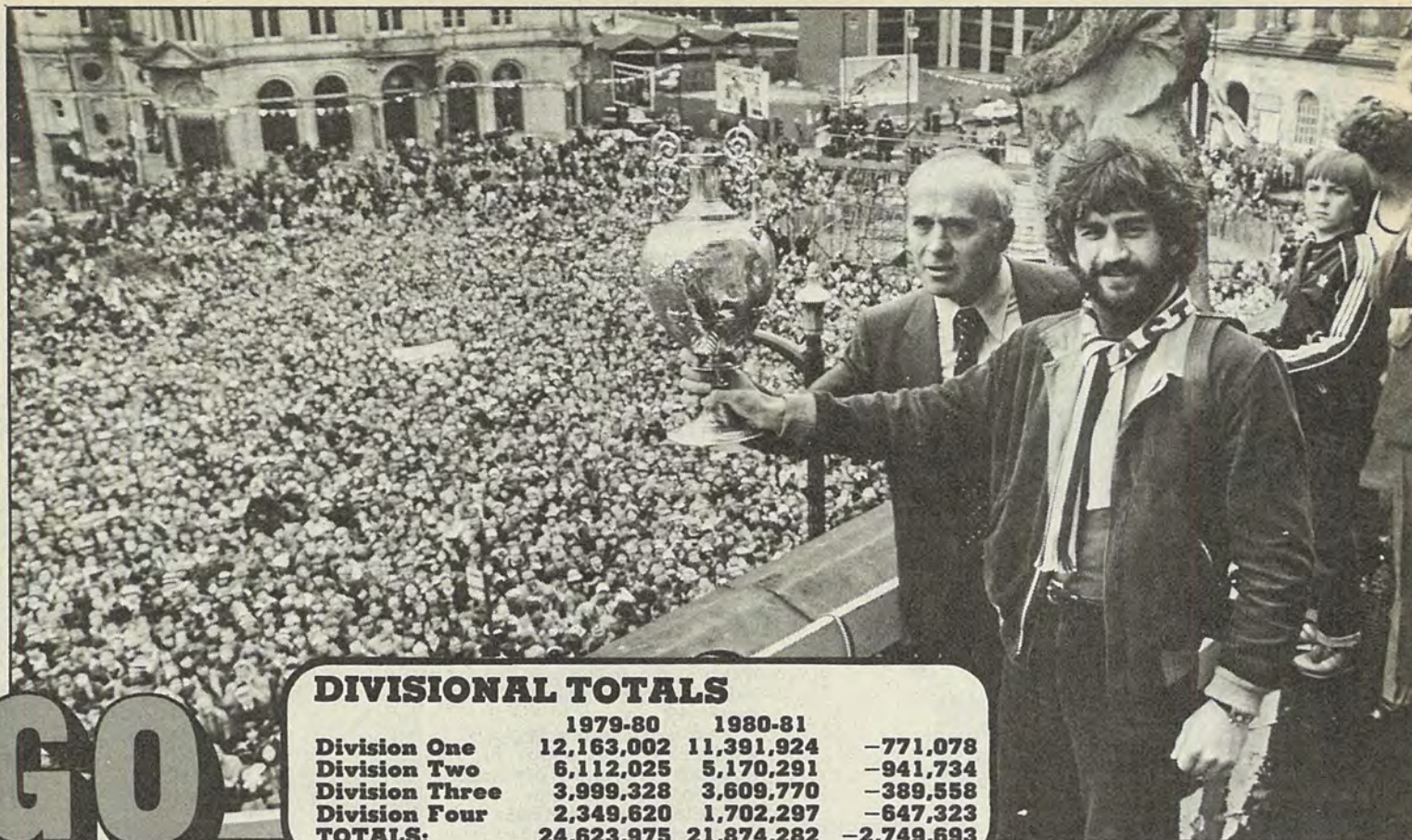
● Charts based on home games alone; 21 by each club in the First and Second Divisions; 23 in the Third and Fourth.

DIVISION TWO

| Club | 1979-80 | | 1980-81 | | Ups and Downs |
|--------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|---------------|
| | Total Gate | League pos | Total Gate | League pos | |
| West Ham | 480,321 | 7 | 568,924 | 1 | +88,603 |
| Notts County | 185,182 | 17 | 200,920 | 2 | +15,738 |
| *Blackburn | 237,157 | 2 | 245,436 | 4 | +8,279 |
| Cambridge | 128,677 | 8 | 121,611 | 13 | -7,066 |
| *Grimsby | 244,213 | 1 | 231,998 | 6 | -12,215 |
| Orient | 152,138 | 14 | 129,387 | 17 | -22,751 |
| Luton | 245,204 | 6 | 216,104 | 5 | -29,100 |
| Bristol Rvs | 155,376 | 19 | 126,252 | 22 | -29,124 |
| Swansea | 302,220 | 12 | 272,964 | 3 | -29,256 |
| Oldham | 166,285 | 11 | 136,304 | 15 | -29,981 |
| *Sheff Wed | 420,633 | 3 | 381,647 | 9 | -38,986 |
| Preston | 204,770 | 10 | 158,989 | 20 | -45,781 |
| Watford | 324,700 | 18 | 271,753 | 11 | -52,947 |
| Cardiff | 208,456 | 15 | 142,520 | 19 | -65,936 |
| QPR | 295,820 | 5 | 229,753 | 7 | -66,067 |
| Shrewsbury | 184,414 | 13 | 117,852 | 14 | -66,562 |
| *Derby | 417,983 | 21 | 350,923 | 8 | -67,060 |
| Wrexham | 211,886 | 16 | 136,394 | 16 | -75,492 |
| Chelsea | 488,581 | 4 | 385,852 | 12 | -102,729 |
| *Bolton | 343,411 | 22 | 206,815 | 18 | -136,596 |
| Newcastle | 490,252 | 9 | 338,736 | 10 | -151,516 |
| *Bristol C | 397,582 | 20 | 199,157 | 21 | -198,425 |

*Indicates teams promoted or relegated at the end of season 1979-80.

● Charts compiled on a gates League table basis.



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DIVISIONAL TOTALS

| | 1979-80 | 1980-81 | |
|----------------|------------|------------|------------|
| Division One | 12,163,002 | 11,391,924 | -771,078 |
| Division Two | 6,112,025 | 5,170,291 | -941,734 |
| Division Three | 3,999,328 | 3,609,770 | -389,558 |
| Division Four | 2,349,620 | 1,702,297 | -647,323 |
| TOTALS: | 24,623,975 | 21,874,282 | -2,749,693 |

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DIVISION THREE

| Club | 1979-80 | | | 1980-81 | | |
|---------------|------------|------------|--|------------|------------|---------------|
| | Total Gate | League pos | | Total Gate | League pos | Ups and Downs |
| *Huddersfield | 200,418 | 1 | | 265,602 | 4 | +65,184 |
| Rotherham | 137,400 | 13 | | 184,996 | 1 | +47,159 |
| Plymouth | 132,951 | 15 | | 155,526 | 7 | +22,675 |
| Barnsley | 273,472 | 11 | | 292,714 | 2 | +19,242 |
| *Charlton | 150,665 | 22 | | 165,333 | 3 | +14,668 |
| *Newport | 118,187 | 3 | | 130,144 | 12 | +11,957 |
| Blackpool | 133,824 | 18 | | 134,738 | 23 | +914 |
| Exeter | 105,213 | 8 | | 105,270 | 11 | +57 |
| Carlisle | 101,341 | 6 | | 93,466 | 19 | -7,875 |
| Chesterfield | 178,483 | 4 | | 167,431 | 5 | -11,052 |
| Oxford | 111,139 | 17 | | 89,808 | 14 | -21,331 |
| *Burnley | 170,468 | 21 | | 148,040 | 8 | -22,428 |
| Chester | 85,707 | 9 | | 61,907 | 18 | -23,800 |
| Brentford | 179,822 | 19 | | 153,493 | 9 | -26,329 |
| *Walsall | 127,638 | 2 | | 98,093 | 20 | -29,545 |
| Colchester | 87,776 | 5 | | 58,143 | 22 | -29,633 |
| Millwall | 136,118 | 14 | | 103,553 | 16 | -32,565 |
| Gillingham | 141,009 | 16 | | 107,570 | 15 | -33,439 |
| Reading | 157,400 | 7 | | 119,326 | 10 | -38,074 |
| Hull | 137,670 | 20 | | 99,339 | 24 | -38,331 |
| Swindon | 204,745 | 10 | | 154,160 | 17 | -50,585 |
| *Portsmouth | 364,549 | 4 | | 312,130 | 6 | -52,419 |
| *Fulham | 176,796 | 20 | | 116,235 | 13 | -60,561 |
| Sheff United | 381,441 | 12 | | 292,753 | 21 | -88,688 |

*Indicates teams promoted or relegated at the end of season 1979-80.

DIVISION FOUR

| Club | 1979-80 | | | 1980-81 | | |
|---------------|------------|------------|--|------------|------------|---------------|
| | Total Gate | League pos | | Total Gate | League pos | Ups and Downs |
| Doncaster | 99,375 | 12 | | 124,437 | 3 | +25,062 |
| *Southend | 109,440 | 22 | | 134,055 | 1 | +24,615 |
| Lincoln | 85,392 | 7 | | 108,168 | 2 | +22,776 |
| Darlington | 45,366 | 22 | | 64,110 | 9 | +18,744 |
| Hartlepool | 67,055 | 19 | | 71,175 | 8 | +4,120 |
| Crewe | 63,141 | 23 | | 66,903 | 17 | +3,762 |
| Scunthorpe | 52,116 | 14 | | 52,792 | 16 | +676 |
| Peterborough | 95,104 | 8 | | 95,145 | 5 | +41 |
| Tranmere | 51,650 | 15 | | 44,462 | 21 | -7,188 |
| Halifax | 59,392 | 17 | | 49,537 | 23 | -9,855 |
| Bournemouth | 90,251 | 11 | | 78,133 | 13 | -12,118 |
| Rochdale | 44,305 | 24 | | 56,790 | 15 | -12,485 |
| Stockport | 66,959 | 16 | | 53,811 | 20 | -13,148 |
| York | 62,473 | 17 | | 48,243 | 24 | -14,230 |
| Port Vale | 79,623 | 20 | | 63,006 | 19 | -16,617 |
| Northampton | 69,541 | 13 | | 50,507 | 10 | -19,034 |
| Aldershot | 88,754 | 10 | | 68,747 | 6 | -20,007 |
| Hereford | 77,176 | 21 | | 56,157 | 22 | -21,019 |
| *Wimbledon | 78,802 | 24 | | 57,361 | 4 | -21,441 |
| Torquay | 73,228 | 9 | | 49,296 | 17 | -23,932 |
| *Bury | 97,497 | 21 | | 63,201 | 12 | -34,296 |
| Wigan | 135,815 | 6 | | 101,489 | 11 | -34,326 |
| *Mansfield | 125,738 | 23 | | 78,976 | 7 | -46,762 |
| Bradford City | 132,112 | 5 | | 65,796 | 14 | -66,316 |

*Indicates teams relegated at the end of season 1979-80.



THE SAFEST HANDS IN SOCCER—Division 2

Blackburn's double top stoppers



BLACKBURN ROVERS may have narrowly missed promotion to the First Division, but in Jim Arnold and John Butcher they had the safest pair of goalkeepers in the Second Division.

They conceded just 29 goals between them in 42 League matches with Jim Arnold coming out on top as the safest goalkeeper in the division.

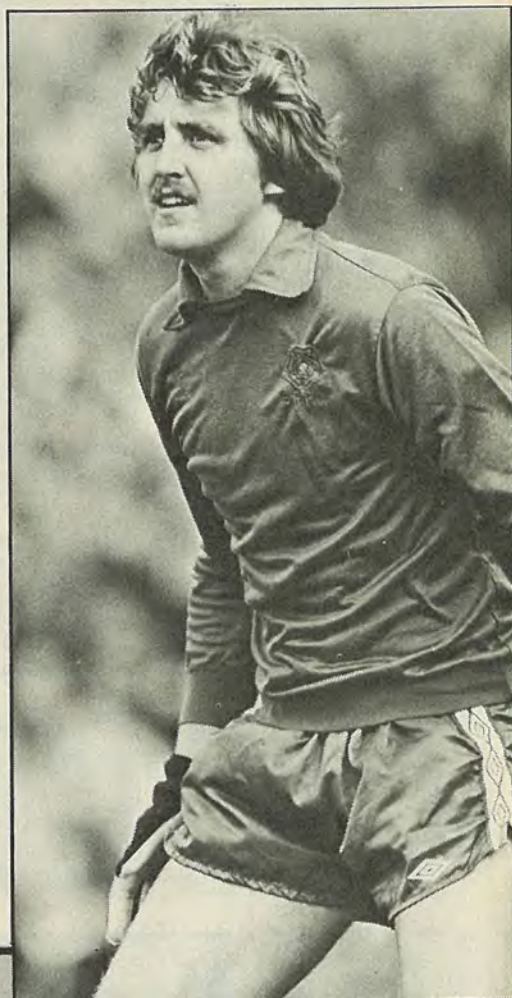
He let in just nine goals in twenty matches, which included 14 clean sheets, and finished with a remarkable average of one goal conceded every 200 minutes.

Team mate John Butcher finished in the top five behind West Ham's Phil Parkes, Watford's Steve Sherwood and Notts County's Raddy Avramovic.

The record of former England 'keeper Phil Parkes is an impressive one in view of the fact that he appeared in all the League matches for runaway champions West Ham and kept 22 clean sheets.

He conceded just 29 goals in 42 outings, and, along with Yugoslavian Raddy Avramovic, a key figure in Notts County's promotion success, proved to be the most consistent 'keeper in the division.

Left: Blackburn's Jim Arnold — Division Two's top stopper. Right: John Butcher, who's just behind his club-mate Jim Arnold in fifth place.



THE TOP STOPPERS

| | Games | Goals | Mins played per goal |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-------|----------------------|
| 1 Jim Arnold (Blackburn) | 20 | 9 | 200 |
| 2 Phil Parkes (West Ham) | 42 | 29 | 130 |
| 3 Steve Sherwood (Watford) | 22 | 18 | 110 |
| 4 Raddy Avramovic (Notts County) | 38 | 34 | 101 |
| 5 John Butcher (Blackburn) | 22 | 20 | 99 |
| 6 Peter McDonnell (Oldham) | 22 | 21 | 94 |
| 7 Nigel Batch (Grimsby) | 42 | 42 | 90 |
| 7 Petar Borota (Chelsea) | 42 | 42 | 90 |
| 9 David Stewart (Swansea) | 42 | 43 | 88 |
| 10 Jake Findlay (Luton) | 40 | 43 | 84 |
| 10 Dai Davies (Wrexham) | 42 | 45 | 84 |
| 12 Chris Woods (QPR) | 22 | 24 | 82 |
| 13 Bob Wardle (Shrewsbury) | 42 | 47 | 80 |
| 14 Kevin Carr (Newcastle) | 38 | 42 | 81 |
| 15 Bob Bolder (Sheff Wed) | 38 | 44 | 78 |
| 16 Roger Jones (Derby) | 42 | 52 | 73 |
| 17 Mervyn Day (Orient) | 39 | 49 | 72 |
| 18 Ron Healey (Cardiff) | 20 | 26 | 69 |
| 19 Eric Steele (Watford) | 20 | 27 | 66 |
| 19 John Platt (Oldham) | 20 | 27 | 66 |
| 21 Ray Cashley (Bristol City) | 20 | 28 | 64 |
| 22 Terry Poole (Bolton) | 29 | 44 | 59 |
| 23 Roy Tunks (Preston) | 39 | 60 | 58 |
| 23 Peter Grotier (Cardiff) | 22 | 34 | 58 |
| 25 Richard Key (Cambridge) | 30 | 50 | 54 |
| 26 Martin Thomas (Bristol Rovers) | 25 | 44 | 51 |

THE first column in the table on the right shows the number of games played.

The second column shows the number of goals conceded and the third column is the average number of minutes' play between each goal.

For instance, Swansea's David Stewart conceded on average a goal every 88 minutes.

Note: Only League matches have been used in the compilation of this table and only goalkeepers who had played at least twenty games qualified for inclusion.



Phil Parkes of West Ham shows the form that's made him one of the most consistent keepers.

DAVID KEMP

Plymouth Argyle



FULL NAME: David Michael Kemp.
BIRTHPLACE/DATE: Harrow, London, February 20, 1953.
HEIGHT/WEIGHT: 5ft 9½in/11st 6lb.
MARRIED: No.
CAR: Rover.
PREVIOUS CLUBS: Crystal Palace, Portsmouth, Carlisle.
TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO: Student.
CLUB NICKNAME: 'Kempy'.
WORST EVER INJURY: Achilles tendon operation.
FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY: Denis Law — he was so exciting.
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: All London teams.
FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY: Pele — he was the best.
BEST ALL TIME BRITISH TEAM: Banks, McGrain, England, Moore, Wilson, Giles, Charlton, Cooke, Best, Law, Greaves.
ALL TIME INTERNATIONAL XI: Banks, McGrain, Beckenbauer, Moore, Wilson, Rivelino, Charlton, Pele, Best, Law, Maradona.
FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND: Portsmouth.
BEST GOAL SCORED: The last one.
BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED: Bobby Charlton's second goal in 1967 Charity Shield.
MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT: The gaffer when I'm discussing wages.
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: I remember them all.
OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL: Scoring.
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Being injured for four months last year.
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS: Golf and tennis.
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES: Good company and music.
MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES: Boring people and smoking.
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Not The Nine O'Clock News.
TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF: Crossroads.
FAVOURITE READING: Newspapers.
FAVOURITE MUSICIAN/SINGER: Dire Straits, Joe Jackson, Ruts.
FAVOURITE FOOD: Lamb.
FAVOURITE DRINK: Tea.
BEST COUNTRY VISITED: America.
FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS: Clint Eastwood and Jane Fonda.
BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR: Being There.
BEST FRIEND: Wimbledon's Roy Davies.
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: My family and Terry Venables.
WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL: People criticising the game.
SUPERSTITIONS: None.
PRE-MATCH MEAL: Steak.
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: Ron Greenwood doesn't even know I'm alive.
PERSONAL AMBITION: To enjoy my life.
PROFESSIONAL AMBITION: To win something.
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: Coaching.
A PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE: Plymouth's Dave Phillips.
WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET: Jane Fonda.
ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS: Don't pick your nose in public.

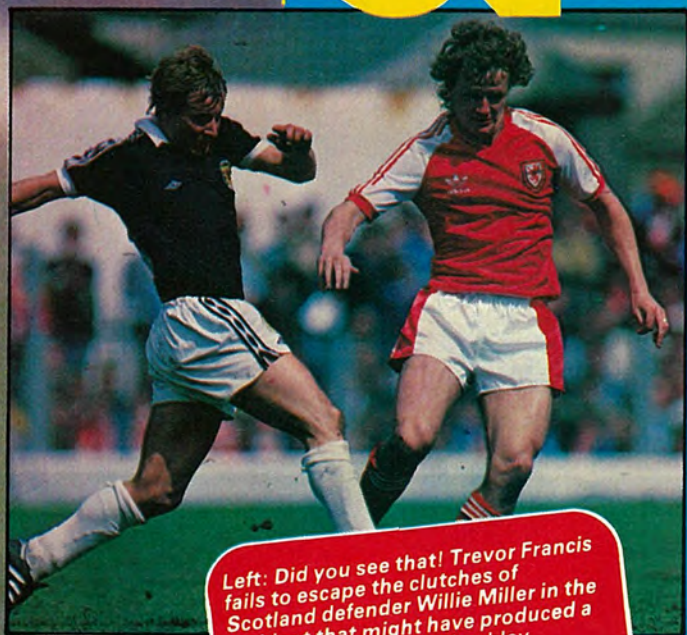
David Kemp

**Action highlights from
the 1981 Home
International
Championships.**

Right: There's no way through for Scotland's John Robertson as experienced Northern Ireland defender Sammy Nelson blocks his path. In their only game of the tournament the Irish went down to Ray Stewart and Steve Archibald goals at Hampden Park.

Far right: Hey ref... he's holding! Graham Rix protests at the challenge of Wales stalwart Leighton Phillips in the goalless draw at Wembley.

BEST OF



Left: Did you see that! Trevor Francis fails to escape the clutches of Scotland defender Willie Miller in the incident that might have produced a penalty equaliser at Wembley.

Above: Scotland's Asa Hartford (blue shirt) tackles Peter Nicholas of Wales in the opening match of the championships. The game ended in victory for the Welsh.

Right: It was not a happy championship for Scotland's Joe Jordan. Sent off against Wales, he returned against England but suffered a gashed head. Here he is beaten by Dave Watson. Scotland went on to win 1-0 with a Robertson penalty.



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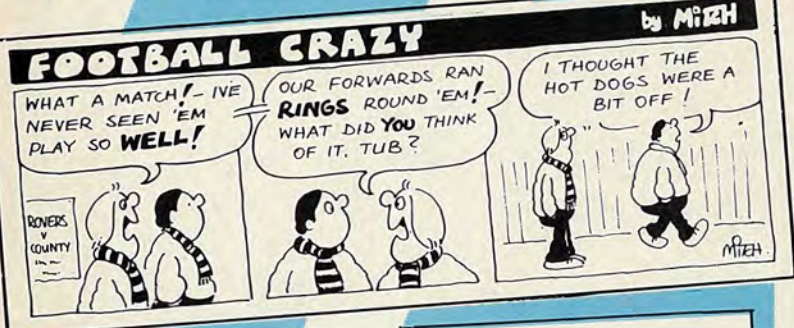


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TIME



PLAYER to manager: "Any ideas on how I can build up my muscles boss?"
Manager: "Try a Bullworker."
Player: "I've got one but I can't open the packet."
James Thompson (13), Waterloo, Merseyside.

Sammy Lee: "What do you think about football at Stoke?"
Avi Cohen: "It's not a bad idea!"
Keith Godwin, Wolverhampton.



Stay at

I WOULD like the opportunity of keeping Glenn Hoddle in England by signing him for Nottingham Forest.

Name me a top manager who wouldn't like to sign him and have on tap the kind of skills the young man has shown for Tottenham.

It's desperately important for the future of our game in England — at club and international level — that we try and keep our top players.

This time last year I was trying to persuade Liam Brady that he ought to join me at Forest instead of signing for Juventus.

The kind of talent that Hoddle and Brady possess is all too rare and we have got to persuade them that the grass is every bit as green in England as it is abroad.

As a player, I almost went to join Florence in Italy and I often wonder where that would have taken my career — but it is really as bright as it's painted on the Continent?

From the evidence supplied by the players who have taken the journey into Europe the answer has got to be NO.

Much was said at the time about Kevin Keegan's transfer from Liverpool, where he had had enormous success, to Hamburg, where he had a degree of success (sorry we beat them in the European Cup final).

But at the end of the day Keegan didn't come back to England — he ran back.

He had had enough and although he had the chance to either stay in Germany or maybe try his luck in Italy or Spain, he opted for coming home.

His team mate at

Match columnist Brian Clough hands out some advice to the Spurs and England Superstar

Southampton, Dave Watson, is an even better example of what I mean.

If he had returned from Germany any quicker than he did, we might have been able to take his lead and turn Concorde into a viable proposition.

And what about Tony Woodcock, who left us at Forest some 18 months ago because he wanted the experience of playing abroad.

I don't believe for one minute that he is happy out there. He's certainly not playing for Cologne as if he's happy and not representing England as if he's happy.

The list is endless and you can even go back to the days when the likes of Jimmy Greaves and Denis Law went abroad.

I've heard Denis refer to his experience as one of the biggest mistakes of his life.

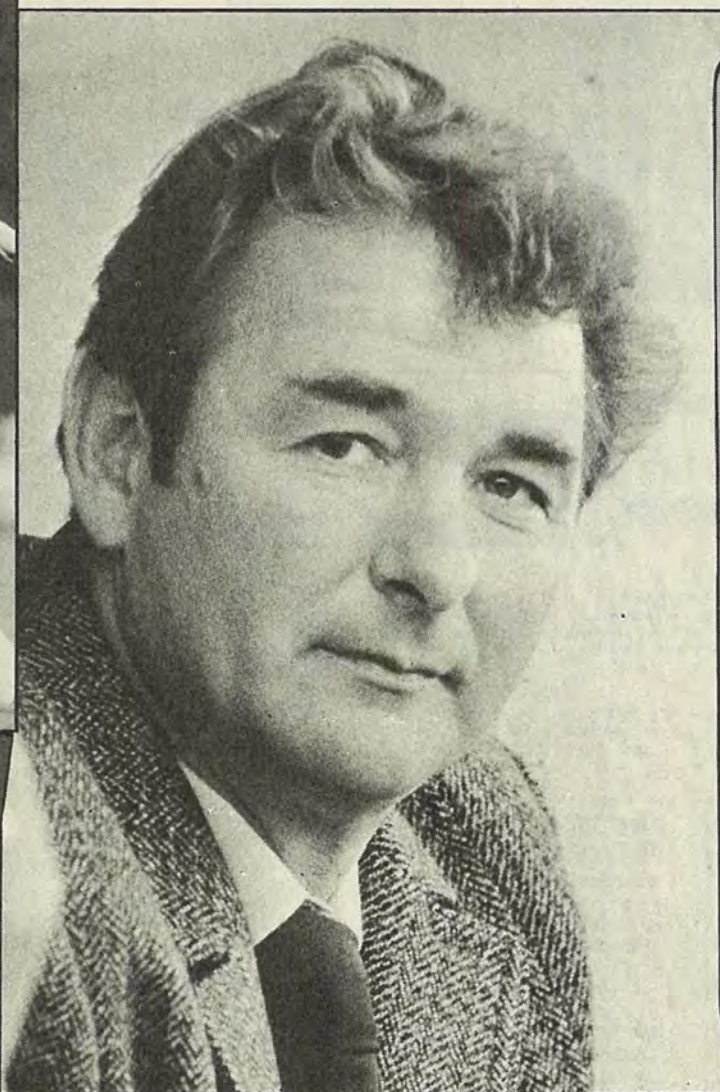
So for Glenn Hoddle — and any of our other top players contemplating a move to the Continent — I'd just like him to think again.



Left: Dave Watson — back in England at Southampton after an unhappy spell with West Germany's Werder Bremen. Below: I tried unsuccessfully to persuade Liam Brady to join Forest instead of Italy's Juventus.



home, Hoddle!



Where does Milne fit in?

I'm not sure how the new management set-up is going to work at Coventry City but I just hope that everyone involved finds a benefit.

I'm delighted that Dave Sexton has found himself back in work so quickly. I'm pleased for anyone who gets work, whether it be in my profession or some man looking for a job off the streets.

But my immediate thought when hearing the news was to wonder what Gordon Milne was going to do.

Perhaps we'll find out next season.

Above left: I'd love the opportunity of keeping Glenn Hoddle in England with Forest. Below left: Tony Woodcock — I don't believe he's happy at Cologne.

Brian Clough



Luton's record signing — Mike Saxby.

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NICKNAME: 'The Hatters'.
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TELEPHONE: Luton (0582) 411622.
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RECORD ATTENDANCE: 30,069 v Blackpool, FA Cup sixth round replay, March 4, 1959.
RECORD RECEIPTS: £31,233.25 v West Ham, Division Two, March 1, 1980.
PITCH MEASUREMENTS: 112 yards by 72 yards.
LEAGUE RECORD: 1897 elected to Division Two; 1900 failed re-election; 1920 elected to Division Three; 1921-37 Division Three (South); 1937-55 Division Two; 1955-60 Division One; 1960-63 Division Two; 1963-65 Division Three; 1965-68 Division Four; 1968-70 Division Three; 1970-74 Division Two; 1974-75 Division One; 1975-81 Division Two.
HONOURS: Division One highest position: 1957-58 (eighth); Division Two runners-up 1954-55, 1973-74; Division Three runners-up: 1969-70;

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RECORD VICTORY: 12-0 v Bristol Rovers, Division Three (South), April 13, 1936.
RECORD DEFEAT: 1-9 v Swindon, Division Three (South), Aug 28, 1920.
MOST LEAGUE POINTS: 66, Division Four, 1967-68 (equalled Fourth Division record).
MOST LEAGUE GOALS: 103, Division Three (South), 1936-37.
HIGHEST LEAGUE SCORER IN SEASON: Joe Payne, 55, Division Three (South), 1936-37.
MOST CAPPED PLAYER: George Cummins, Eire (19).

MOST LEAGUE APPEARANCES: Bob Morton, 494, 1948-64.
MOST LEAGUE GOALS IN TOTAL AGGREGATE: 243, Gordon Turner, 1949-64.
RECORD TRANSFER FEE RECEIVED: £350,000 from Man City for Paul Fletcher, June 1978.
RECORD TRANSFER FEE PAID: £200,000 to Mansfield for Mike Saxby, July 1979.
MANAGERS SINCE THE WAR: George Martin, Dally Duncan, Syd Owen, Sam Bartram, Bill Harvey, Allan Brown, Alec Stock, Harry Haslam, David Pleat (current).

Cloughie's costly mistakes

FOREST manager Brian Clough has made some dreadful mistakes in the transfer market.

Just look at the calibre of player he's got rid of: Garry Birtles (Man Utd), Tony Woodcock (Cologne), Peter Withe (Newcastle), Frank Gray (Leeds) and Archie Gemmill (Birmingham).

And now, horror of horrors, it looks as though Peter Shilton's days are numbered at the City Ground.

He hasn't even replaced the stars with better players. Ian Wallace, Peter Ward and Raimondo Ponte have all struggled to claim regular first team places.

I just hope he's not got plans to sell Viv Anderson and John McGovern.

lan Burr (13), Stockton-on-Tees, Cleveland.

● Right: Raimondo Ponte — struggled to claim a regular place in the Forest first team last season.

TERRACE TALK

The team

TO celebrate their centenary last season the Welsh Rugby Union organised a match between their national side and a team of World stars.

I reckon football could do the same thing — it would be a real crowd puller and give the public a chance to see the World's best.

I'd like to see England play my World eleven — even though I reckon we would lose heavily.

Here's the World team I'd love to see: Arconada (Spain), Tardelli (Italy), Breitner (West Germany), McQueen (Scotland), Chivadze (Russia), Thijssen (Holland), Ardiles (Argentina), Muller (W. Germany), Maradona (Argentina), Dalglish (Liverpool), Rummenigge (W. Germany), Fraser Clark (12), Loughborough, Leics.

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SCRAP the Home Internationals — they're dull and boring.

All the games except England v Scotland should be given the boot.

The tournament is meaningless. The decision by England and Wales not to travel to Northern Ireland debased the competition even further.

Kenneth Edwards, Scawthorpe, Doncaster.

Right: England's Ray Wilkins jinks past Scotland's Steve Archibald (left) and Joe Jordan during the Home International Championships. The England-Scotland match is the only one the fans are really interested in, says Kenneth Edwards of Scawthorpe, Doncaster.



Sheffield's loyal fans

FOR loyal support you can't beat the fans of relegated Sheffield United.

It hasn't been the best of seasons for the famous Yorkshire club — they've been relegated to the Fourth Division for the first time in their history. But the fans have stayed faithful.

I've been watching them now for three years and I've rarely seen a gate less than 10,000.

Our last game of the season attracted over 16,000 people — more than some First Division matches.

John Fowler, Sheffield.

Whatever happened to . . . ?

WHAT'S happened to Brighton's midfield player Peter Suddaby?

All last season I looked at the Brighton teams and never once spotted the name of the former Blackpool player.

I saw him play against Derby a couple of seasons ago and was impressed with his performance. Since then I've heard nothing about him.

Please can you help me?
Miss D. Thraves (16), Breaston, Derbyshire.

● PETER was troubled with a back injury all last season. However, he did make some reserve team appearances towards the end of the season.

Left: Brighton's Peter Suddaby — troubled with a back injury all last season.

United will walk it!

MAN UTD will walk the First Division next season.

They were so unlucky with injuries last season but when they finally got a full team together they won the last seven games.

I reckon Spurs will be runners-up and Aston Villa won't finish higher than fifth.

Coventry, Birmingham and

Notts County are my bets for relegation, while QPR, Derby and Leicester will replace them.

Andrew Fletcher (12), Pontypool, Gwent.

● UNITED will be lucky to have a manager for the start of the new season, let alone a Championship winning side. You're booked!

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OUTRAGED!

I'm a real fan

I'M SICK and tired of people who only watch their teams when they're winning.

They're not true supporters. The real fans go to every home game — win, lose or draw.

I'm a true supporter because I travel to watch my favourite team, Liverpool, every home game — even through their bad patches.

Mark Worthington, Bolton, Lancs.

● Liverpool don't have that many bad patches! It's easy to support successful teams, but the real supporters are those who watch teams like your home town club, Bolton!

Booked!
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Ban Ardiles and Co!

I'M OUTRAGED at the number of foreign players in the Football League.

Tottenham wouldn't have won the FA Cup without Ossie Ardiles and Ricky Villa; and Ipswich wouldn't have been so successful minus their Dutch pair Thijssen and Muhren.

It's meant to be an English League and I think it should be restricted to Britons.

It's about time the foreigners were told to go home and give English players a chance.

Murray Cummins (16), Nelson, South Island, New Zealand.

● You're booked — I wouldn't have missed Ricky Villa's fantastic winner in the Cup Final for anything. Let's hope our players can pick up a few of their skills by playing alongside them.

Booked!
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Above: Striker Kevin Bremner, relegated in his first season with Colchester.

WHILE his brother Des has been wallowing in the limelight of Aston Villa's Championship success, young Kevin Bremner has encountered a shock introduction to English football.

Plucked from the Highland League early last season, the striker has seen Colchester United plummet through the Third Division trap door like a stone.

At the turn of the year they were in the comparative safety of mid-table, but then took only nine points from 17 matches and it was back to the Fourth Division again.

"I just don't know what went wrong," says Kevin, who was training to be an auctioneer's clerk when Colchester moved in.

Relegated- but delighted for

That's Colchester's Kevin Bremner

"We weren't doing too badly early on, but then we hit a bad patch and couldn't get out of it.

"It's very disappointing for me in my first season in England because I wanted to do so well for the club.

"I scored ten goals but never played with any real consistency and tended to squander chances by being too keen.

"But I hope that the experience gained last season will put me in good shape for the Fourth Division when I shall be after more goals."

Kevin had been keen to follow his brother Des to England even though he had never played in the Scottish League.

"I spent all my time playing part-time in the Highland League.

"I did have a two-week trial with Celtic. But at 21 I think they felt I was too old to make the grade.

"Then Colchester invited me down for a trial so I took a week's holiday from work. They asked me to sign and I decided to have a go.

"They were the first club to put their actions into words."

It took Kevin time to settle into the pattern of full-time soccer.

"In fact, I became so bored after training that I could have done with a job in the afternoons. Instead I started

IT'S been a season of mixed fortune for two sets of footballing brothers.

Match Weekly talks to Alan Little on Doncaster's promotion from the Fourth Division and on the tragic retirement of brother

playing snooker," he says.

But while he has immediately tasted the downs of soccer, brother Des has given the Bremner family a boost, and Kevin is one of his biggest admirers.

"To me Des is the most under-rated player in the Villa team. He's a real work horse and will run and run all day for the good of the team. I'm delighted he's had so much success this season."

Right: A Championship medal for Aston Villa's Des Bremner.



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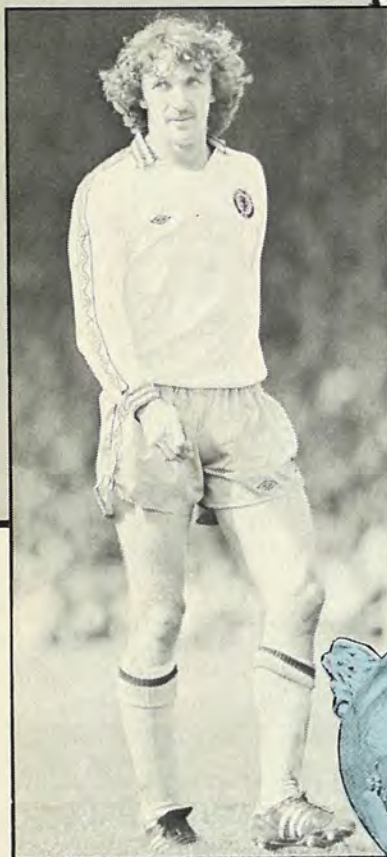
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Brian, the former Aston Villa striker.

And Colchester striker Kevin Bremner looks at his team's fall from the Third Division and the success of brother Des with Champions Aston Villa.

Des



IN A season when older brother Brian lost a brave fight to continue his career with Aston Villa, Alan has at least brought some joy to the Little family.

The dynamic midfield player played a prominent part in earning Doncaster Rovers promotion from the Fourth Division for the first time since 1971.

But as Alan points out: "When I came here from Barnsley midway through the season before last I could see no way that we would be in this position."

"We were having a terrible time after a reasonable start to the season."

"But manager Billy Bremner instilled confidence and belief

Above: Alan Little, Doncaster's midfield dynamo.

Below: Brian Little holds aloft the Championship trophy but he missed out on Aston Villa's success after being forced to quit.



Success softened the blow for Alan Little

into the players that they were good enough for promotion this time, and we proved him right.

"He gives 100 per cent all the time — just as he did as a player — and he's a great motivator before a match."

But Alan, whose former clubs Aston Villa, Southend and Barnsley have all tasted success this season, admits that the standard of the Fourth Division was mediocre.

"I don't want to undermine our achievement, but apart from the top six clubs there were a lot of mediocre teams."

"That's underlined by the fact that we got promotion with just over fifty points. When I was at Barnsley we only just got promoted with 61 points."

Alan's success has helped soften the blow suffered by the Little family when Aston Villa's Brian was forced to quit through a knee injury.

"It was obviously a big blow to me, but it was always at the back of his mind after such a long lay-off that he wouldn't play again," said Alan.

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ACTION from England's crucial clash with Hungary

AND we name the First Division's safest 'keeper



T IS FOR...

★ FA cup winners **TOTTENHAM** Hotspur, whose **TALENTED** stars overcame the **TOUGH TACKLING** Manchester City in a thrilling 1981 replay at Wembley. It was their sixth Cup triumph, having also won the League in 1951 and '61 and the League Cup in 1971 and '73.

★ TOP defenders Phil **THOMPSON** (Liverpool) and Colin **TODD** (Birmingham), both of whom have worn the No. 6 shirt for England.

★ Coventry's black pair Garry **THOMPSON** and Danny **THOMAS** both tipped for further honours with England Under 21s.

★ Former World Cup Final referee Jack **TAYLOR**, who awarded Holland a penalty in the first minute of the 1974 World Cup Final against West Germany. Then there's his soccer playing namesakes Tommy (Orient), Alan (Cambridge), Kevin (Sheff. Wed.), and Les (Watford).

★ The **TRANSFER** market, where players are bought and sold, **TELEVISION** coverage, **TICKET** touts and pre-season **TOURS** all part of the soccer image of the Eighties.

★ John **TROLLOPE**, who before being appointed Swindon Town's manager, broke Jimmy Dickinson's single club league appearance record of 764.

★ **TRANMERE** Rovers, whose heaviest defeat was in the 1953 FA Cup... 9-1 at **TOTTENHAM**!

★ **TIMING**, the secret of the fiercest shots in football and **TRAINING**, where players keep in **TRIM** and managers prepare their **TACTICS**.

Right: T is for... Mike Thomas, Manchester United and Wales' tigerish winger.

A to Z of soccer

Did you know...

● In an FA Cup first round tie against Nuneaton Borough on November 20, 1971, **TORQUAY** United took off ex-Coventry City defender Brian Hill just after half-time and replaced him with former Bristol City winger Brian Hill!

● Arsenal had three players sent off within four days in **TURF MOOR** matches against Burnley when Bob McNab was dismissed in a Football League Cup tie on November 28, 1967, and Peter Storey and Frank McLintock in a Division One match on December 2.

● **TORQUAY** United set up a record without parallel in the Football League's 93 years when they drew eight Third Division matches on the trot between October 25 and December 13 in 1969.

Above left: T is for... 1981 Footballer of the Year, Frans Thijssen.

Left: T is for... tough tackling Arsenal star Brian Talbot.

